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Bosnian Serbs threaten to block UN peace deal

FROM MICHAEL BINYON AND TIM JUDAH IN VOULIAGMENI

BOSNIAN Serb hardliners warned the world last night not to expect the parliament of their self-proclaimed republic automatically to endorse the UN-sponsored peace plan agreed in Athens yesterday.

Momcilo Krajisnik, president of the parliament, which has twice rejected the plan dividing Bosnia into ten ethnic cantons, told Bosnian Serb radio: "This signature did not in any way mean actual acceptance of the agreement ... I believe [it] must be reworked and cannot be accepted in the present form."

Vladimir Lukic, the Bosnian Serb prime minister, said: "If the plan is not subjected to certain alteration, the parliament cannot accept it." Mr Milosevic told Belgrade television: "I am convinced [the parliament, which meets on Wednesday] will accept the plan."

Lord Owen said at the end of the hastily called peace talks in an Athens seaside resort: "This is a happy day in the Balkans. Now it is time to talk of peace, not war." He called for a rapid convening of the United Nations Security Council to pass a resolution implementing the plan.

If the agreement is confirmed, British troops will have a crucial new peacekeeping role in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Although Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, at the end of the Athens conference, secured the signature of Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs, to their peace plan for the shattered country, it will take the skills of seasoned British troops switching from the protection of humanitarian convoys to peacekeeping to keep the lid on an explosive situation until a full United Nations peace force can be deployed.

Last night the details of that crucial next stage were being discussed in London by John Major and Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. The new battalion group arriving this month and based on The Prince of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan, could become one of the key elements of an initial peacekeeping force.

Bowing to pressure from all sides, including President Milosevic of Serbia, Dr Karadzic agreed to the map dividing Bosnia and transitional arrangements for a new government. However, he insisted that that was conditional on ratification by the Bosnian Serb parliament. He promised to recommend acceptance of the plan to his parliament, but added that his signature on the plan would become "null and void" unless the assembly approved this time. "It is going to be very difficult but I hope the parliament will approve it. If not, I will have to offer them my resignation," he said.

A main point of yesterday's agreement was the acceptance by the Bosnian Serbs of a demilitarised corridor, six miles wide, across northern Bosnia linking Serbia with Serb-controlled territory in Bosnia and Croatia. That would be patrolled by UN forces and would guarantee access for the Serbs but bar the transport of arms, except those needed for local police.

The Vance-Owen plan now calls for the immediate deployment of up to 70,000 "blue beret" troops, who, Lord Owen said, should come from Nato countries, including the United States. He hoped that Russian troops would be included. Mr Christopher is due to begin consultations in London today on President Clinton's decision on American policy in Bosnia, widely rumoured during the conference in Athens to include selective air strikes and a lifting of the arms embargo on the Muslims.

Saying that the time had come to set aside military options, Lord Owen and Mr Vance made a strong plea to Washington not to go ahead with any plans for intervention. "I obviously hope that there is no need for military steps. It is in the interest of everyone that we should have a peace plans that sticks," Lord Owen said.

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Peace brokers: Cyrus Vance, left, confers with fellow negotiator Lord Owen as they answered questions on the peace deal in Athens yesterday

Smiles all round as the sun shines on a political triumph

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN VOULIAGMENI

THE end came surprisingly quickly. Perhaps the script had indeed been written for a sunny diplomatic ending to a gruesome modern horror.

Even before lunch, Konstantin Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, playing the mediator role for all it was worth, hurried out to tell the press that the vital signatures were in the bag. "Conscience has today prevailed, peace has won," he said.

Inside the negotiating room, the relieved faces of Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen matched the sunlight dancing on the azure bay, as eight gruelling months of lies and deceit appeared to be drawing to a close. For Thorvald Stoltenberg, the former Norwegian foreign minister who takes over from Mr Vance, this introduction to the Byzantine intrigues of Balkan politics must have seemed all the more baffling for defying all predictions and proving remarkably prompt and rhetoric-free. Relief, surprise and joy verging on euphoria were written on the faces of all three negotiators as they announced their success.

■ Time will decide whether the Athens peace deal was just another charade

Lord Owen, with impressive phrases and unusual humility, thanked the warring factions who have caused him such anguish for so long and handed out generous tributes to all those around him. He insisted he was not an idealist, living in an ivory tower; he would check his idealism against reality. But this was now a time for peace, for healing, for reconstruction and for new hopes.

The scene of the talks could hardly have been further removed from the realities of Bosnia. Nestling in a hollow

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May Day holiday stops in 1995

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE government will announce the demise of the May Day bank holiday from 1995 and its replacement by Trafalgar day in October, according to Whitehall sources.

Casting aside French and Spanish sensibilities, the government will invoke the memory of Lord Nelson's victory over their navies at Trafalgar to bury the May Day holiday, which has honoured international socialism.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, who first voiced her objection to the holiday at last year's Tory party conference, believes that industry is slowed down by the three Spring public holidays that fall upon one another within the space of weeks. But industrialists are unimpressed by the government's limited reform and are calling for a review of bank holidays.

Labour supporters are appalled that the government should dare to tinker with the holiday. Michael Foot, the former Labour leader who introduced the bank holiday in 1976 when he was employment secretary, said: "It shows what a mean-minded lot the government are. It is all done out of spite and ignorance of history. They pretend that the May Day holiday was a foreign import but it was celebrated long before the Tories. The Labour government revised a great English tradition which goes way back to King Alfred."

Ira Chalphin, employment spokesman for the Institute of Directors (IOD), said: "The government is playing fast and loose saying that they have the support of industry in removing the May Day holiday. Neither the IOD or the Confederation of British Industry went for the October holiday and we'd rather keep May Day because the long interrupted run from August Bank Holiday until Christmas

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United win title after 26 years

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MANCHESTER United's 26-year wait for the championship ended yesterday when Aston Villa, their last remaining rivals, lost 1-0 at home to Oldham Athletic. United will receive the Premier League trophy at Old Trafford tonight before their match with Blackburn Rovers.

It is the club's first championship win since 1967, the era of Bobby Charlton and George Best. Sir Matt Busby, the manager of that side, was among the first to pay tribute to Alex Ferguson, who has guided the team to the title.

Sir Matt, 84 next month, telephoned Ferguson, who did not watch Villa's defeat, with his congratulations. "This team has exciting qualities and character," Sir Matt said. "We have finished strongly and tomorrow will be one of the most memorable nights Old Trafford has ever known."

Ferguson had also told his players not to watch the match. Steve Bruce, the captain, said: "We were supposed to be trying to relax today because we have a match tomorrow but you can kiss that game goodbye — the party has already begun and the people of Manchester can look foward to a great 24 hours.

"I have been at the club for six years and the championship has always been the ultimate. This is the one we have always wanted."

Villa's challenge ended when Nick Henry scored the only goal for Oldham after 29 minutes. Ron Atkinson, their manager, said: "Full marks to United, though, and well done to them. I thought we might have taken them to the wire and we should have done, but we handed it to them on a plate. I don't think enough of our boys thought the championship was still up for grabs."

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Heseltine leads fight for Newbury vote

BY NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine will tonight spearhead a cabinet invasion of Newbury as the Conservatives wheel out their big guns in a last-ditch attempt to head off defeat in Thursday's by-election.

With an opinion poll suggesting that the Liberal Democrats are poised to overturn a 12,000 Tory majority, the President of the Board of Trade will seek to revive his party's flagging campaign at a rally in Hungerford.

The telephone survey by NOP for *The Mail on Sunday* indicated that David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat candidate, is heading for a majority of nearly 10,000 over Julian Davidson, who is defending a seat left vacant by the death of Judith Chaplin. The poll put the Liberal Democrats on 54 per cent, the Conservatives on 38 per cent, Labour on 5 per cent and others 3 per cent.

A canvas in Newbury carried out by *The Times* also found hostility to the government's European policy. Three in four people in the west Berkshire constituency who returned ballot papers on the Maastricht treaty were opposed to its ratification by the United Kingdom.



Rendel: polls show he is poised to win

Three other ministers — Kenneth Clarke, Michael Portillo and John Patten — as well as Sir Norman Fowler, chairman of the party, are to descend on Newbury in the final three days of campaigning in an attempt to halt the slide in the Tory vote

. Lord Archer, John Major's cheerleader on the general election trail, will also seek to rally party workers today.

Publicly, the Conservatives were pointing to the unreliability of telephone polls in particular and, after the last election, opinion polls in general. They claimed that they were still confident of victory. But privately, many leading Tories believe that they are fighting a lost cause with the government's and Mr Major's popularity yet to recover from the ravages of the recession and the debacles of the past six months.

If Newbury is lost, ministers will seek to steady backbench nerves by predicting better political fortunes ahead once the economic recovery is well established.

One senior Tory said yesterday that it would be a "miracle" if the government held the seat. Conservative MPs predicted that if Newbury was lost badly and if the county councils elections on the same day heaped further humiliation on the government, which the forecasts suggest, Mr Major would be under renewed pressure to carry out a summer reshuffle of his cabinet in which Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, would be the key.

A senior Tory said last night: "Defeat would be an extra depressant on top of quite a few depressants over the last six months. People will not be surprised by it. But it will corrode the confidence people have in the party and its leadership and the unimaginative approach being taken and the lack of flair."

With the government's slender majority restricting its freedom of manoeuvre in the Commons, ministers have an added interest in holding Newbury and restoring their 21-seat margin over all the other parties. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said that Tory supporters could no longer afford the luxury of a protest vote. "We need to win Newbury. Voters should not treat this as a protest vote."

Mr Davidson, who took a break from campaigning yesterday, dismissed the poll. "We are quite confident that our vote is firming up all the time and that we will win — and win well."

Mr Rendel criss-crossed the constituency during a hectic day of meeting voters at garden centres, village fetes and on the doorstep. "My feeling is that people are coming over to us and I am still optimistic that we will eventually win on Thursday," he said.

☐ 1992 general election: **J Chaplin** (C) 37,135; D Rendel (Lib Dem) 24,778; R Hall (L) 3,962; J Wallis (Green) 539. Con majority 12,357.

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Teenagers cash in on guilt factor

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

PARENTS are giving their teenage children more pocket money than ever before because they feel guilty for not spending enough time with them, a survey has shown.

Britain's 11 to 20-year-olds are estimated to have a spending power of £9 billion each year, according to a survey carried out by Gallup for Wall's, the ice-cream manufacturers, and are wooed by advertisers as the big consumers in the family.

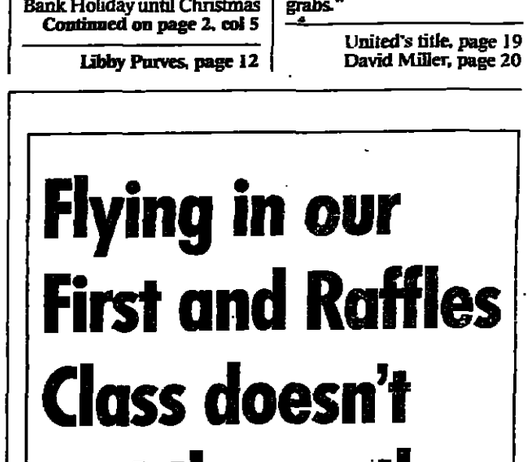
Average weekly pocket money for 5 to 16-year-olds has risen from 36p in 1976 to £1.87 today. If the 36p had risen with inflation only, it would be worth only £1.29. Most 13-year-olds have £5.14 to spend each week.

Teresa Orange, writing in *Marketing Week*, said that children are getting more power as the family unit breaks down. "Time-pushed parents find it less hassle to indulge their children and guilty ones are only too happy to offer material compensation," she said.

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New child vaccine cuts killer strain of meningitis by 70%

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A NEW childhood vaccination introduced last October has cut a fatal type of meningitis disease by 70 per cent.

The figures, published today by the health department, show a dramatic fall in infections caused by the *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) bacterium. The most serious of these is meningitis. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said yesterday the figures were a triumph for the NHS.

In the first three months of this year, there were only 22 reported cases of meningitis or bacteraemia (a blood infection) caused by Hib in children under one. In the corresponding period of 1992 and 1991, there were 76 cases, and in 1990, 74.

Hib, so called because when it was discovered it was thought to be a cause of influenza, has been responsible for 1,300 hospital admissions, 70 deaths, and 150 cases of brain damage a year. It is the commonest cause of bacterial meningitis and also causes blood poisoning, pneumonia, septic arthritis and a form of croup which can close the throat so severely that surgery may be needed to aid breathing.

The NHS has invested £40 million in the Hib vaccination programme, with another £1.25 million for public information through the Health Education Authority. Mrs Bottomley said the results were the best achieved by any country introducing the new vaccines. "We're well on the way to the elimination of a disease that in days gone by affected thousands of people."

The vaccination was introduced as part of the childhood immunisation programme. Children under one, in whom Hib infection is highest, were chosen as a priority and receive three injections. Children between one and four need only one injection.

Last August, before the jabs were introduced, surveys showed that only 2 per cent of mothers had heard of them. By March this year, after a publicity campaign, that figure had risen to 70 per cent.

The success of the immunisation campaign mirrors that in other countries but has been achieved much quicker. Mrs Bottomley attributes this to the organisation of the NHS, reforms in GP contracts which provide incentives for immunisation, and determined efforts by everybody to ensure *the programme's success.*

"The NHS immunisation programme was recently hailed in the US Congress as a model of its kind," she said yesterday. "In the last ten years, we have passed the 90 per cent target for immunisation against the major childhood diseases and are well on the way to the 95 per cent target in the Health of the Nation white paper."

The fall in cases is most clear-cut in babies, the main target of the campaign. However, for all age groups, cases have fallen from about 200 in 1990, 1991 and 1992, to 117 in the first quarter of this year. That improvement is expected to continue. "I hope we shall soon be able to add Hib meningitis to the list of serious childhood diseases which are history," Mrs Bottomley said.

Parents have been told to remain alert for meningitis, as there are two other forms of the disease not caused by Hib. The symptoms are a rash, increasing drowsiness, fever, vomiting, a stiff neck and an aversion to bright light.

MPs lament inaction over racial killings

By James Landale

MPs called yesterday for greater action to stop racial attacks in south London after the murder of a black teenager by white youths last week. They claimed more would have been done if the victim were white and the attackers black, and said nearby offices of the British National party should be closed.

Peter Bottomley, Tory MP for Eltham, where the murder took place, said: "I am clear that if this had been the third white youth to be killed, there would have been widespread calls for effective action."

He welcomed messages of condolence to the wife of the photographer killed in last weekend's IRA bomb in the City of London, and to the family of the woman and child killed in Luton, "but as far as I know there has been no equivalent attention to the unprovoked murder of Stephen Lawrence".

Stephen, 18, was stabbed twice by a gang of white youths who are believed to have made racial remarks while he and a friend waited for a bus. He is the third black victim of a racial killing in the area.

Mr Bottomley said: "The key point is to catch the killer. The second point is to make it clear that these sorts of attack will not be tolerated, and, third, that these sorts of racial attitudes and knife-carrying must be stamped on."

John Austin-Walker, Labour MP for Woolwich, said: "If four white youths had been killed by four blacks, the outcry and white backlash would have been of enormous proportions."

He accepted there was no proven link between the latest killing and the BNP, but welcomed calls for the closure of the party's headquarters in Welling, in the neighbouring borough of Bexley. "I have been campaigning for several years for action against the BNP, but it is tragic that it takes the death of another black young man for something to be done," he said.

Ros Howells, community relations officer for Greenwich council, claimed that racial attacks had increased since the arrival of the BNP headquarters. She said the black community in south London was furious that people were saying the death of Stephen Lawrence was "just another racial attack".

Pressurised parents indulge the must-have younger generation



JULIAN HERBERT

Footing the bill: a debt-free youngster eyes a shopful of fancy brogues — but who pays the price?

Children swallow up more of family income

By Michael McCarthy

■ **British schoolchildren are richer than any before. A high divorce rate encourages guilty parents to spend on their offspring**

BRITISH children have more pocket money to spend than any previous generation, according to surveys by retailers and financial institutions.

Marketing specialists believe that young people are gaining a growing share of the family's disposable income, while their parents are struggling with debts.

"The kids of the 1990s are going to be richer than any other generation," said Simon Silvester, planning director of the advertising agency Burkitt Weinreich Bryant, and author of a study of them entitled *Spoilt Brats*. "They haven't been affected by the fall in property prices or any of the other aspects of the recession." Several social changes are combining to make them wealthier, he said.

"Twenty years ago, children aged 13-14 were still kids. Now young people are starting to be adults at 11 or 12. They are going out to raves, they need entrance money, the girls need make-up, they want more and more possessions and they are putting more pressure on their parents to have them, much earlier."

Children now demand rack hi-fi systems from their parents from the age of ten, Mr Silvester said, and the average 12-year-old now owns the lifestyle accessories that in the 1950s were obtained only by someone in their mid-thirties.

They get them, many marketing specialists believe, because family structure is breaking down and parents, as a result, have less control. Teresa Orange, writing in *Marketing Week*, said: "Adults give children more power in smaller families, divorced families, single-parent families and in families with working mothers — all of which are on the increase. Time-pushed parents find it less hassle to indulge their children, and guilty parents are only too happy to offer material compensation, so more children are being given the licence to wield more power."

The spending power of British young people aged 11 to 20, including those in full-time jobs, is believed to be more than £9 billion annually. Pocket money accounts for a large proportion of this, according to surveys by Wall's ice-cream, the Halifax Building Society and the TSB bank which all show steady rises in children's spending power.

The most established survey, carried out annually for Wall's by Gallup, shows the average weekly pocket money of 5 to 16-year-olds rising from 36p in 1976 to £1.49 in 1990, £1.69 in 1991, £1.82 in 1992 and £1.87 this year. If the 36p had grown by the rate of inflation since 1976, it would be worth only £1.29 this year.

A Halifax survey of the average pocket money of children aged 11 and under since 1987 shows it increasing from £1.13 to £1.48 by last October.

In the teens, spending power rises rapidly. A TSB survey this year found that 12-year-olds had an average of £3.72 a week to spend, but for 13-year-olds the figure was £5.14. When 16-year-olds turn 17 and get jobs, the survey says, their income rises from an average of £16.21 a week to £108.98.

Youth has bigger say in spending

By Ray Clancy

BRITISH children are becoming more like their counterparts in America, where the consumer kid has so much power that advertisers deliberately woo their purchasing prowess. But they have a long way to go to catch up with Germany, where a law is being drafted to make parents pay pocket money.

In the United States, children's actual spending power is estimated at $9 million (£5.7 million), but far more important is their ability to convince their parents what to buy. A recent study estimated that, for instance, children had a 4 per cent influence over the choice of family car, 35 per cent over biscuits and 60 per cent over pasta.

In France, the average Paris household gives about 20 francs (£2.40) a week pocket money. Some consumer-conscious families give children a weekly allowance of FFr120, from which they must buy all they need, including pencils for school.

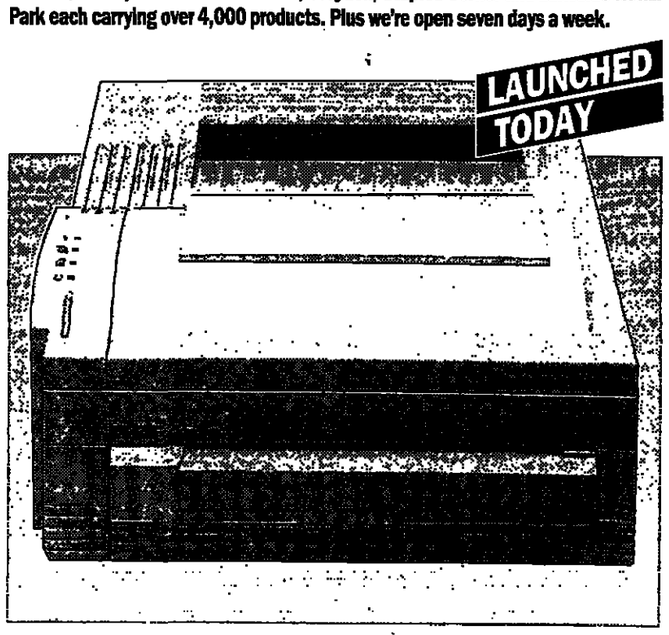
In Japan, the mother pays, even to older children. One businessman aged 25 living at home was reported to get pocket money each week.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kidnapped envoys beg for help

A British diplomat and two European colleagues have smuggled a letter from Afghanistan begging their governments to help free them from kidnappers.

Jack Dodds, Stefan Elhert from Germany and Gert Piening from Holland, all anti-drugs officials, were abducted at gunpoint by an Afghan mujahideen commander. They are in chains in a cave.

The Afghan is holding them hostage until Pakistan frees two of his men. The letter, received on Saturday, said: "Our health is deteriorating very badly. Do something for us. We need water most urgently."

Cyclist dies

A cyclist collapsed and died during a 70-mile randonnée event staged on the Isle of Wight by the Wayfarers cyclists' touring club.

PC recovers

Surgeons have removed a bullet from the kneecap of PC Clive Renowden, 45, who shot himself at a rifle range at Hilsea, Hampshire.

Pigeons perish

More than 1,500 pigeons from Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, died when the lorry carrying them caught fire at Bromsgrove near Birmingham.

Asthma attack

A man tried to rape a 17-year-old student after offering to help her when she collapsed from an asthma attack outside a Nottingham nightclub.

Snuff title

The British ladies' snuff champion, Edie Pike, retained her title at championships in Sidford, Devon, after inhaling 25 samples.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bond draw are £100,000, 9SZ 627984, winner from Poole (value of holding £6,499); £50,000, 19YP 868901, Essex (£1,255); £25,000, 6ZS 613180, Isle of Wight (£646).

Dinosaur collectors agree prehistoric divorce deal

A DINOSAUR that was caught at the centre of a divorce case has found a new home with a museum on the Isle of Wight.

The proud owner, Keith Simmonds, has been forced to sell the remains of the dinosaur, thought to be about 125 million years old, to keep his home after the break-up of his marriage.

The proceeds will go towards the divorce settlement for his wife Jenny, also a keen palaeontologist.

Mr Simmonds, who has a son and daughter in their teens, found the bones in a cliff near his home on the island at Brighstone and has spent ten years digging them up. The 30ft-long animal was a previously undiscovered member of the theropod family.

It caused great excitement among the island's geological community, who believe it fills a gap in the evolutionary chain.

The Isle of Wight geological museum set up a public appeal to buy the remains, and is believed to be paying Mr Simmonds more than £10,000, which he will give to his wife instead of having to find a buyer for the family bungalow.

He said: "The divorce is my only reason for selling the skeleton. My intention was to eventually give the bones to the museum, but I have had to raise money.

"The public appeal was against my principles and I was opposed to it. I didn't feel that the islanders should have to pay for their own heritage, but I am being forced into it."

The self-confessed dinosaur fanatic, who is in his forties, said he could find a dinosaur fossil just by examining the ground as he walks his dog. He was allowed to keep the theropod, which does not have an official name yet, as it was found on his land. Another dinosaur expert, who has been a friend of Mr Simmond for several years, said: "It is true that the dinosaur bones are part of the estate and, as far as I understand, Keith is required to raise a certain amount of money to provide for his wife. A figure was agreed by the museum for the purchase of the dinosaur."



Boneshaker: Keith Simmonds with part of the fossil

Team claims virus breakthrough

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A REVOLUTION in the treatment of viral diseases could result from new methods for producing human antibodies pioneered by researchers from Sheffield University.

The antibodies, identical to those produced naturally in response to infection, would be injected into patients to improve their ability to defeat viral diseases such as Aids. At present, few effective anti-viral drugs exist.

Professor Dennis Burton and Dr Lynda Partridge of Sheffield University have collaborated with scientists from the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, to devise a new method for producing human antibodies.

The viruses against which they have produced antibodies include: HIV, cytomegalovirus (reponsible for deafness and mental retardation), herpes simplex virus (cold sores and genital herpes), varicella-zoster virus (chicken pox, shingles) and rubella (German measles, and birth defects).

Until now, it has been difficult or impossible to produce human antibodies for use in therapy. The new method, outlined in the current issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, produces pure human antibodies. It is done by isolating the genes that contain the genetic blueprint for a vast range of human antibodies and inserting them into phages — viruses that infect bacteria. The bacteria then become, in effect, factories for producing a "library" of antibodies.

Most people carry antibodies for a large range of infections, so the library at La Jolla has been generated from just two volunteers. The team has now shown that individual antibodies can be extracted from the library to combat a particular virus. Dr Partridge said that test-tube experiments had been encouraging and clinical trials were the next step.

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Son and daughter start legal action to demand visits after two years dreaming of family holidays

Children take absent father to court

■ More and more children are taking their parents to court under new legislation. A brother and sister are the youngest so far

BY RAY CLANCY

A BOY aged 11 and his 10-year-old sister are to take their father to court to force him to see more of them. They are launching the legal action because they have not seen him for two years and believe they have a right to be visited regularly.

Aaron Wilson and his sister Nicole, of Castle Vale, Birmingham, have instructed a solicitor to begin court proceedings. It is one of a handful of cases around the country which began after the introduction of the Children Act 1989, which gives children the right to take proceedings against their parents. The youngsters want to see their father Mark Wilson, who now lives in Ireland. He left the family home four years ago and has not visited for the past two years. The only contact the children have had with him has been telephone calls on birthdays and at Christmas. "We all want our dad to come and see us," said Nicole.

Her mother Tracey, 28, believes that both parents have a duty to their children. She says that she has found it difficult to explain to them why their father never visits. "The kids are desperate to see him. They dream about going on holiday with him or playing in the park. They often cry when he telephones because they would rather be with him than talking on the phone," she added.

The couple's third child Jade, four, is regarded by the court as being too young to take legal action. She never knew her father because the couple separated in 1988 when she was born.

Brendan Fleming, the solicitor acting for the children, said that the case will be that the brother and sister are capable of understanding the action they are taking. Cases so far under the new act have all concerned teenagers. Last night, Mr Wilson claimed that his wife had prevented him from seeing his children. Speaking from Ireland, where he lives with his girl friend, he said: "I feel terrible. I just can't believe this court action. I still love my kids and there is not a day goes by when I don't think about them." Mr Wilson said that he stopped visiting his children in Birmingham because every day the family met there was a row. "The kids just ended up being upset. I never saw the children on my own."

He is now waiting to see what happens in the courts. He says he will be happy to visit them every week, but claims he does not have enough money to make the journey as he is out of work. "I will come back every week if the judge pays the fare."

Last month, a boy aged 15 won the right to take action in the High Court in order to force his mother to see him more often. Matthew Lucas was granted permission by a judge at Southampton county court to take his case to the court in London.

He decided to take the action after his mother stopped seeing him more than a year ago. Matthew had moved from the home he shared with her in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, to live with his father, who has remarried. Matthew has said he stills loves his mother and wants to be able to see her.

His mother is reported as saying that her separation from the father was in the best interests of their son.



Mark Wilson: "I just can't believe this"

NEWS TEAM



Waiting and hoping: Aaron, 11, and Nicole Wilson, 10, get telephone calls on birthdays, but believe they have a right to regular visits

Clare house worker dies in fall after raid ordeal

THE housekeeper of Dr Anthony Clare, the psychiatrist and broadcaster, has died after falling from a bridge only days after she was tied up in an armed raid at his house.

Audrey Lett, a 34-year-old mother of two, was locked in a cupboard with one of her daughters, Mrs Clare and one of the Clares' daughters, at the psychiatrist's home near Dublin. On Saturday — four days later — she fell from a 130ft motorway bridge on the outskirts of the city. Her car was found parked near by.

Dr Clare said yesterday that the apparent suicide was a terrible shock. "Audrey was upset by the raid but no more than any other woman would be when put through the same experience. She certainly gave no hint of something like this. We'll have to wait for the inquest to hopefully get to the bottom of it."

In the raid, Dr Clare's wife Jane, Mrs Lett and the two daughters were tied up and locked in a cupboard by two masked men. They beat Mrs Clare about the head and legs before taking her engagement ring and other jewellery, part of a haul worth about £5,000. The women were freed after two hours when a friend called at the house.

Dr Clare said: "Audrey worked with us for 18 months. She was more than just an employee. She was a good friend — especially to my wife. Jane is in a terrible state over what has happened." The death had been "a bolt from the blue".

Cardinal rules out Rome compromise

BY JOHN YOUNG

LEADERS of the Roman Catholic Church emphasised yesterday that the admission of disaffected Anglicans would not entail "bargaining with truth" or "a wholesale abandonment of the disciplines of our Church". Nor was compromise being sought in what was expected of those seeking full communion.

In a pastoral letter read out during Mass in Catholic churches throughout England and Wales, Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, the Archbishops of Birmingham, Cardiff, Liverpool and Southwark and the Bishop of the Forces said that, while the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to all Christians through baptism, it was the bishops of the Catholic Church, with the Pope, who had the task of teaching with authority those things which Christ had revealed as saving truth.

"It is this understanding of authority, as the sure way to truth, which in recent years led us to explain that the Anglican vote to ordain women would in fact change our relationship with the Church of England, adding a real obstacle to our hopes for unity," they said. "Each person's journey into the Catholic Church is unique, but in these present circumstances, we shall wish to acknowledge the value of the ministry of life and faith, which those who now seek to join us have already experienced."

Uncertainty about the numbers seeking full communion with the Catholic Church had fuelled rumour and misunderstanding, the letter said. Many different hopes and anxieties had been expressed. Even though much discussion had focused on attitudes to women and ordination, it was the issue of the teaching authority claimed by the Church of England which was at the heart of anxieties.

"Our response will be generous and understanding," the letter promised. "We shall look towards total integration into the Catholic Church. But this is a new situation, and we must feel our way forward sensitively, courageously, with understanding and faith.

"It is communion with the one universal Catholic Church which those troubled at this time are seeking, not some negotiated change of membership at the local level."

Police seek witnesses to stabbing

BY A STAFF REPORTER

POLICE yesterday appealed for witnesses to the murder of a teenager found dying from stab wounds in a park in Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Grant Jackson, 17, was found slumped in Endcliffe Park after what police believe was a clash between rival gangs of pupils from High Storrs and Notre Dame secondary schools.

Supt David Foss said feelings were running high and appealed for calm. "I would ask people not take the law into their own hands but allow police to investigate."

Two youths who were questioned after the incidents on Friday have been released pending further enquiries by the 50-strong investigation team. A spokesman said: "We are keen to hear from anyone who can help with information."

The teenage victim, from Nether Edge, Sheffield, was found by police after they were called to an incident outside a nearby off-licence where two 16-year-old youths suffered minor injuries. He died about an hour later in hospital. Police divers are helping the search for the murder weapon.

World of golf can bid for Bobby Locke's treasures

BY JOHN SHAW

GOLFERS will have a chance to honour one of the game's greatest champions at a London auction to be held before the start of the Open at the Royal St George's course at Sandwich, Kent, in July.

The sale of medals and trophies won by the late Bobby Locke will also commemorate his victory at Sandwich in 1949, the first of the four Open titles he won in Britain between 1949 and 1957.

Locke, a distinctive figure who wore plus fours and a white cap, attracted crowds long before golf became an international circus. He died aged 70 in 1987 in his native South Africa.

A total of 150 items of memorabilia, the largest collection belonging to an international golfer to come under the hammer, are being sold by his family for an estimated £200,000. The auction is at Christie's on July 9.

Edward Monagle, the expert in charge of the auction, said yesterday: "He was a complete natural, one of the world's greatest golfers and there is virtually everything from his entire career here.

"Championship and Open medals, trophies, golf balls he used in famous rounds or holes in one and a marvellous silver salver engraved with famous names like Henry Cotton and Fred Daley, awarded after he won the Dunlop Masters at Sandwich in 1954.



Locke: champion who rarely practised

"His appeal was worldwide and yet it seems he hardly ever practised. Before he went out he would hit five or six balls to get used to swinging the clubs, but that was it.

"He had a fantastic natural talent, an amazing eye for distance and is remembered as a superb putter. He just knew exactly how hard to hit the ball to get it pin high. A true champion."

The Open medals he won, made of nine carat gold, are the highlights of the sale and are each estimated at £8,000-£12,000. Another lot is one of the hickory-shafted putters that became particularly associated with Locke's distinctive style.

He favoured hickory putters above all others, playing one of the most important strokes of his career with one at St Andrews in 1957. Locke himself gave the club to the British Golf Museum at St Andrews. His Slazenger red and white golf bag is on offer containing a selection of his clubs (estimate £4,500).

To complete the collection is the golf ball used on the final green in his final match at the Open. He signed the ball, which saw him to victory when it landed 2ft from the hole. After waiting until the applause died away, he confidently stroked it into the hole before being presented with the trophy by Peter Thompson, who had won the championship for the previous three years. The ball is now expected to make up to £1,000.

Two portraits of the champion, one by John A.A. Berrie, the Liverpool artist, showing him in a South African blazer, are also being sold. They are estimated at between £1,500-£2,500 in an auction commemorating the career of one of the greatest sportsmen of his era. It spanned almost 30 years and saw him win more than 25 titles around the world.

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Fifty years on, a fishing community marks a tragedy suppressed in wartime

Villagers at peace recall day a mine shattered lives

A remote coastal community will next week commemorate 19 young men who died in a mysterious explosion 50 years ago

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IN THE remote but beautiful villages of Braad and Mullaghduff, on the Atlantic coast of co. Donegal, those who heard the massive explosion 50 years ago still talk of it as if it happened yesterday.

It was at three minutes to ten precisely on the warm, calm evening of May 10, 1943, that the tranquillity of these picturesque fishing and farming communities in the Irish republic was so suddenly broken.

Eighteen young men and boys were killed instantly when a mine that had drifted in from the Atlantic shipping lanes to a rocky inlet at Ballymanus Bay blew up in their disbelieving faces. Another man died some hours later from terrible wounds, leaving just four survivors.

The fiftieth aniversary of the tragedy will be commemorated at a special open-air service at the scene of the blast next week. Because of wartime restrictions, news of the explosion was suppressed in the British press and only reported by the local newspaper in the republic. Nor were the causes of the explosion ever made public. Yet it must rank as one of the most bizarre civilian tragedies of the second world war in Britain and Ireland. It was also one which could so easily have been avoided.

Gracie McGonagle, now an infirm 70-year-old widow living in a neat whitewashed cottage set back from the rugged shore, still keeps the crinkled and bronzed news pages of the *Derry Journal* reporting the death of her elder brother John and his friends.

The paper describes the events at Ballymanus as a "disaster without parallel in the history of Donegal". It tells of the thunderous explosion of the huge mine, packed with high explosives, when one of its protuding pins struck the rocks as it rolled with the motion of the waves.

The explosion, it said, blew some victims high into the air. It shook houses in the nearby villages and could be heard as far away as Letterkenny about 50 miles from the coast. "The ghastly scenes which followed the awful happening baffle description," the paper said.

There is still considerable debate about what exactly the young men were trying to do with the mine.

Some in the area say they wanted to cut it open and use the explosives for quarry blasting. Others say they were just playing with it for fun, not realising its awful destructive power.

Mrs McGonagle says the victims, who ranged in age from 16 to 34 and included three sets of brothers, had been told by a local coastguard official that a mine which had broken from its mooring was no longer dangerous. She said they were planning to use it either as a marker buoy for their fishing boats or cut it in half and use the two ends as kettles in which to dye their fishing nets.

She can remember the excitement in the village when word went round that the mine was close to the shore, and she can remember the sound of the explosion. "Oh, it was a sad affair," she said, sitting in her favourite armchair underneath a portrait of Jesus.

"We all rushed for the beach — all the parents, the fathers and mothers — everyone looking for their own. It was terrible. We found some of them sitting smiling in the rocks or joking or laughing. You would never think they were dead. They were just sitting there smiling," she said.

She paused, recalling what must have been a ghastly sight in the half light of dusk. "It was the pick of the lads that was taken," she said. "They were all happy and cheerful and out there to help."

Mrs McGonagle is adamant that, despite the fact that the sighting of the mine had been reported to the local police on at least two occasions, no one was warned about the danger. She is still bitter at the failure of the authorities to take the necessary actions.

Not everyone agrees, however. Michael Rodgers, a kindly farmer in his eighties who lost his elder brother Anthony, said there was no doubt in his mind that warnings were given, a view backed by the reports of the inquest in the *Derry Journal*.

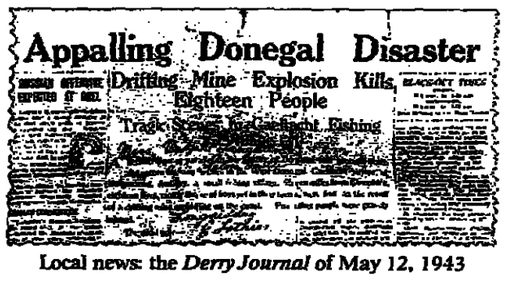
Mr Rodgers, whose adopted son Joe works in the hotel trade in Florida, showed us the scene at Ballymanus where next week's open-air commemoration is to be held. "It should never have happened," he said in his thick Donegal accent as we contemplated the view out to Gola Island on a serene summer's evening, not unlike the night of the disaster. "They were warned to be careful. They were told they should leave it alone. It's as well to tell the truth," he added. "That's what happened. That's all I know and I'm heartbroken anyway."

Michael said it took him ages to get over it. He had nightmares for years about the scene at the shore when he and the others went looking for their loved ones. He found his brother's body almost intact some distance away from the beach. His eyes had been blown out by the force of the blast. "It was a terrible shock," he said.



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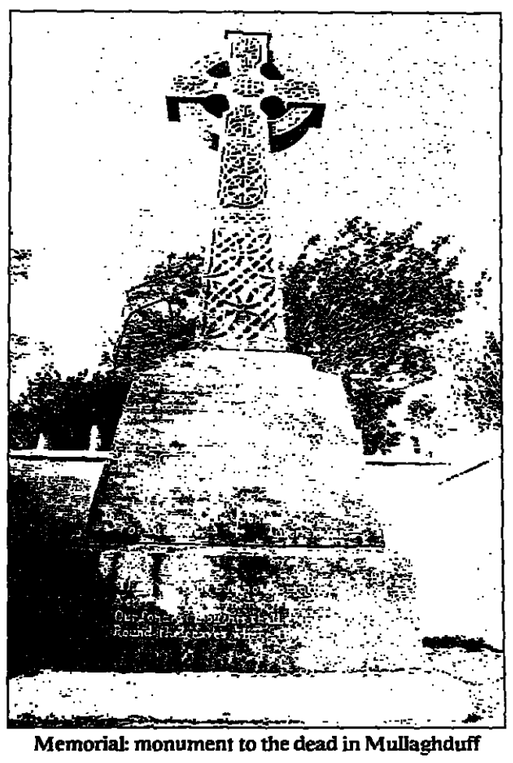
Avoidable deaths: Michael Rodgers, who lost his brother Anthony, at the scene of the Ballymanus blast. He says warnings were given



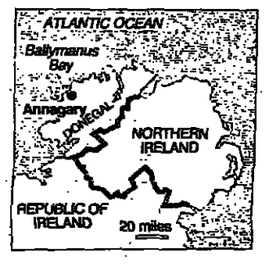
Appalling Donegal Disaster

Drifting Mine Explosion Kills Eighteen People

Local news: the *Derry Journal* of May 12, 1943



Memorial: monument to the dead in Mullaghduff



Joyriders blamed for big rise in car fires

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

JOYRIDERS are being blamed for most of a 60 per cent increase in arson attacks on vehicles, where they burn cars for fun or to destroy evidence that could be used to convict them.

Other motorists faced with financial problems have been destroying their cars to gain insurance payments, according to senior fire officers and the insurance industry.

The number of malicious vehicle fires has risen five-fold since 1981, with an increase of 60 per cent between 1990 and 1991. Latest figures from the Home Office show that the number of malicious car fires for every 1,000 cars in use exceeded the rate for accidental car fires for the first time in 1991.

Fifty-seven per cent of fires in cars were malicious in the United Kingdom in 1991, but the proportion soared to 86 per cent in Tyne and Wear, where 2,308 cars were destroyed by fire, 78 per cent in Greater Manchester, 74 per cent in West Yorkshire and more than 66 per cent in Bedfordshire, West Glamorgan, Mid Glamorgan, South Glamorgan and Strathclyde. There were 33,100 malicious car fires in 1991, compared with 19,800 in 1990 and 7,400 in 1981.

Terry Glossop, of the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association, said yesterday: "This trend is linked to car crime when young people, mostly youths, steal cars, drive them around at high speeds and then the finale is to set them on fire.

"It is done for kicks but also to destroy any possible evidence."

Insurance companies say the recession is partly to blame for the rise in car fires as people find they can no longer afford to run a vehicle.

Michael Auld, of Guardian Royal Exchange, said yesterday: "Two elements have come together to give us this extraordinary rise in vehicle arson. The policy holder who can no longer afford to run the car and cannot sell it sees an opportunity to cash in on its value by torching the vehicle. The other reason is the rise in crime and people stealing cars and then burning them out."

Court clerks seek right to decide on jury trials

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

JUSTICES' clerks will join the increasingly divisive debate over scrapping a defendant's right to jury trial and urge that they should decide who to send to crown court.

In a radical package of reforms, the clerks propose the removal of a mass of minor and often "Dickensian offences" from the criminal courts, substituting fixed penalties and increased petrol duties. The proposals, outlined in a paper for the start of the Justices' Clerks' Society in Eastbourne, coincide with increasing concern among some clerks over government criminal justice policy.

Magistrates will meet Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, tomorrow to discuss the widely criticised means-related fines scheme. Later this week, the justices' clerks will be voting on a motion urging the government to review its criminal justice policy. The motion expresses fears that the policy has "undermined public confidence in the courts and the criminal justice system generally".

In their paper, the justices' clerks, who are the chief legal advisers to magistrates and also their court managers, come out strongly on the side of Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, who wants an end to a defendant's right to choose jury trial. They make clear, however, that they themselves should make this decision and disagree that one option is that the prosecution decide.

The change should be coupled with a system of plea-bargaining or sentence discounts for guilty pleas, the society says. The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is thought to favour both proposals, although the home secretary is believed to be opposed.

The society also favours ending minor offences such as:

- non-payment of vehicle excise duty, to be replaced with a tax on petrol and diesel;
- television licence offences, substituting fixed penalties and ultimately a "pay before you may see" scheme, as with satellite stations;
- car insurance offences, to be replaced by a scheme in which all vehicles would be automatically insured on a statutory no-fault liability basis, with drivers free to top up insurance in the private sector.

The processing of such minor offences in the criminal courts has become expensive and ineffective, the society says. "It is scarcely credible that a [vehicle excise] system exists whereby the revenue due from over one million unlicensed vehicles remains outstanding and uncollected."

In 1991, 194,000 prosecutions for these offences were brought, of which 38,000 were discontinued or withdrawn and 155,000 resulted in conviction with an average fine of £66.

On television licences, it says: "We have no confidence in the present system by which it is sought to enforce payment of the licence fee. In the meantime, the fixed penalty scheme provided an alternative to prosecution. Other licence offences (fishing, for instance) could be dealt with in the same way.

The car insurance system is equally ineffective, with the cost of premiums prohibitive, the total value of claims at £500 million a huge burden on the insurance industry and the courts only prosecuting a fraction of total offenders. Nor is punishment likely to result in insurance being paid.



Mills: wants to end defendant's choice

Police foil travellers' festival

HUNDREDS of travellers were prevented from holding an illegal festival after police moved them off a Cotswold beauty spot yesterday.

More than 100 travellers' vehicles converged on Cleeve Hill near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, after police evicted them from a site in neighbouring Warwickshire.

Travellers were involved in skirmishes with police at Ettington near Stratford-upon-Avon on Saturday night. A bailiff who served the eviction notice was pelted with excrement.

Police, using roadblocks, then prevented the travellers from regrouping at Cleeve Hill, dispersing them in to small parties. Roads round the village of Moreton-in-Marsh were sealed off after about 50 travellers' vans blocked the high street.

Two cars were set on fire during incidents at Cleeve Hill and police arrested 18 people for alleged drugs, public order and stolen vehicle offences.

Three people were remanded in custody on Saturday after an incident when a farmer was allegedly attacked while preventing travellers from stopping on his land.

Police remained on standby yesterday. A spokesman said: "Clearly they are looking for a site for some kind of festival or rave. Council chiefs have also set up a hotline to receive intelligence about convoy movements."

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Mutant May queen rumours take a dive

By JAMES LANDALE

REPORTS that southern England is abuzz with huge mutant wasps were squashed yesterday after experts said they were only large queen wasps emerging early from hibernation. Pest controllers said, however, that it will be a busy year for wasps and advised people to swat the queens with a newspaper to avoid further problems.

Andrew Parkin, of Abatis pest control in south London, said he had many calls from people worried about huge wasps. "They are nothing more than queen wasps who have stopped hibernating," he said. A warm winter and the recent hot spell were blamed.

Andy Kane, of Ambit pest control in Rotherhithe, east London, said the queens were buzzing around window sills and roof eaves looking for a place to lay their first worker eggs. He advised the public to kill the queens before they nested in homes and gardens. "If they could hit it with a copy of *The Times* to stop it from getting in somewhere, they would be saving themselves a lot of trouble."

However, Peter Bateman, of Rentokil, said it would be wrong to kill all the queens. "Despite working for a pest control company, I am constantly telling people to learn to live with their wasps," he said. "In the early part of the year, they are good for the garden because they feed their young on garden pests."

Robin Edwards, author of *Social wasps: their biology and control*, said the large wasps could be examples of a new strain. "In some parts of the country there is this new species, the Median wasp (*Dolichovespula media*), which is very much larger than the ordinary wasp," he said. "So the queen would be really quite huge." Mr Edwards said that, since its arrival from the Continent in 1981, it had spread widely across the country. "They are all over the place."

Not all the sightings could be wasps, though. Bumble and honey bees are emerging after the winter, experts say, and they tend to look a little threadbare at first. Rentokil in Brighton also reported a large number of calls about hoverflies, which are harmless but look like wasps. The company has also had enquiries about the rarer masonry bees, which burrow into the mortar between bricks to make their nests.

UN to arrange for interim government, pullout of warring forces and link between Serb provinces

Owen hails Milosevic decision and gives pledge on peace corridor

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN VOULIAGMENI AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE FUTURE: PEACE

THE peace plan accepted by the Bosnian Serbs yesterday at the summit meeting in Athens came after eight months of gruelling talks, broken promises and ceasefires that came and went.

Lord Owen, the European Community mediator, finally realised he had a deal in Bosnia at a late Sunday lunch with President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia on April 25. Summoned back to Belgrade after a failed meeting with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, Lord Owen sat down to lunch with the powerful Serbian president. "He said 'I feel relaxed with this decision'," Lord Owen recalled. "I said 'What do you mean?', and he said 'Well, when you make a big decision you sometimes feel unhappy with it, you still feel anxious about it, and other times you feel relaxed. The best decision is when you feel relaxed'. That's when I was quite convinced that he had made a serious decision."

Three issues dominated the summit meeting: the arrangements for an interim government in Bosnia once fighting has stopped; the withdrawal of forces to designated provinces; and the guaranteed free access to the northern corridor that links two Bosnian Serb provinces.

Lord Owen acknowledged that this corridor, linking Banja Luka with Bijeljina provinces, was the most controversial aspect of the peace plan. He said at the beginning of the talks that it would be a "UN throughway controlled not by the provincial police but by Unprofor [United Nations forces] and with an area of five kilometres on either side of the road demilitarised under the responsibility of Unprofor".

All three parties have been told how this guaranteed free passage will work. The UN will ensure that no military personnel, equipment or installations other than those of the UN forces will be allowed to use the road. The zone will be patrolled by the UN implementation forces to ensure that all parties comply. The only personnel allowed to carry arms in the zone will be provincial civil police who may carry handguns. Checkpoints, patrols and monitoring of the throughway will be carried out by the UN implementation force.

There will be an inspection point at each end. No raw materials, ammunition or weapons belonging to any of the warring factions will be allowed on the road, and any vehicle carrying weapons will be turned back at the point of entry. Initially, to improve security, traffic will have to be escorted by UN convoys. "The northern corridor will be one of the highest priorities for the UN force tasked to implement the Vance-Owen peace plan," Lord Owen said. The UN formation patrolling it will be "specially selected for its capability to undertake this task".

Cyrus Vance, co-author of the Vance-Owen package, said at the end of the summit that these forces must be moved into place without delay and would consist of armoured infantry with enough firepower to ensure they could carry out their task. "The force will be composed of high-calibre troops capable of conducting sustained mobile and forceful action. It is our view that the force should include highly professional contingents from North America, Western Europe and the Russian federation," Mr Vance said.

The summit deal marks a triumph for Vance-Owen efforts. Lord Owen took over as EC mediator in August when Lord Carrington resigned after a clash with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, over the UN role in Bosnia. Together with Mr Vance, his UN counterpart, Lord Owen embarked on an arduous series of talks, first in Geneva and then in New York, to draft a peace plan that would save Bosnia as an independent state.

With Western threats of military intervention becoming increasingly convincing and the existing UN trade embargo tightened with new sanctions to cut off Yugoslavia from commerce with the outside world, Mr Milosevic, apparently fearing for his own power, finally decided at the weekend to support a peace settlement. The breakthrough that Lord Owen had predicted on Friday had been made.

When asked, however, if Mr Milosevic's decision had abandoned his designs for a Greater Serbia, Lord Owen replied with caution: 'I don't know. You would have to be a mind-reader to be able to answer that one."

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Changes may seal Muslims' fate

FROM TIM JUDAH IN VOULIAGMENI

CONSTANTINE Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, said yesterday: "When war threatened, peace won. This is a great success." Despite his optimism, it was impossible to disguise the real mood of cynicism and diplomatic double talk that hung over the Athens conference.

For a week Lord Owen's team have protested that the peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina has not been changed. In fact, such a crucial change has been made that it may seal the military defeat of the Muslims and serve to consolidate the Serb-Croat partition of the state.

In public, Lord Owen has concentrated attention on making concessions to the Serbs by giving them a United Nations-controlled corridor in northern Bosnia to link Serbia and Serb-held parts of Bosnia and Croatia. Fred Eckhard, the conference spokesman, talked of "clarifications", which could mean Serb and Croat conquests guaranteed by the UN.

The original Vance-Owen plan foresaw the division of Bosnia into ten semi-autonomous provinces, drawn to reflect the country before "ethnic cleansing". The areas evacuated by Serb forces would be occupied either by Bosnian Croat forces or the predominantly Muslim Bosnian army. That requirement has been discreetly dropped.

Last Monday Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, Dobrica Cosic, president of the rump Yugoslavia, and Momir Bulatovic, the Montenegrin president, wrote to the Bosnian Serbs demanding that they sign the plan. "Guarantees have been given that, after the signing, exclusively UN forces, but not Croatian and Muslim forces, can come to the areas outside Serb provinces inhabited by the Serbian people," they said, dispelling fears of reprisals. Now, however, Muslim and Croat refugees will not return to their homes without protection of their own kind.

Under the Vance-Owen plan for Croatia, local police forces were to be reorganised on the lines of the population's ethnic make-up before the war. That has never happened, but the plan demands the same for Bosnia.

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Dr Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, has been persuaded to sign the peace plan on the basis that the Serbs (and Croats) have won the war. Dragoslav Rancic, the spokesman and confidant of Mr Cosic, a veteran Serb nationalist, said as much in Athens. He said the plan is "a basis to stop the bloodshed. It is just the first stage. This new state is just a monster, it is not going to last long. Not even Lord Owen believes it." He believed a confederation was still the best solution, and said this was an interim solution until creation of a union of Serb states and a greater Croatia. He added with brutal honesty that the Muslims would be left with a "Balkan Lesotho".

Hardliners blame Yeltsin for clashes

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RUSLAN Khasbulatov, Russia's parliamentary chairman, yesterday ordered an investigation into the clashes between police and opposition protesters in Moscow at the weekend and blamed President Yeltsin for provoking them by using a heavily armed police presence to hinder May day demonstrations.

Mr Khasbulatov condemned "the use of force towards the participants of a peaceful demonstration", throwing the weight of parliament behind the communist demonstration in his most open association yet with the hardline opposition.

The meeting of 2,000 hardline communists and nationalists on Gagarin Square on Saturday ended in the worst violence on the capital's streets since the coup of August 1991 after demonstrators, organised by the extremist National Salvation Front, tried to gather in the Lenin Hills after being banned by a presidential edict from gathering as usual in Red Square.

It was attended by six members of the former Soviet leadership who are standing trial for organising the failed coup. Anatoli Lukyanov, the former Supreme Soviet chairman, and Vladimir Kryuchkov, the former KGB chief, told the crowds that the time had come to challenge Mr Yeltsin's grip on power. Mr Kryuchkov addressed his mockery towards the security services he once headed. Pointing to the massed plain-clothes men in covered trucks, he taunted: "The authorities are getting nervous."


Khasbulatov: ordered enquiry into riot

Three hundred communists and nationalists gathered outside the White House yesterday to protest at the police handling and condemn Mr Yeltsin as "the butcher of Russia". They dispersed after singing patriotic songs. The president ignored the disturbances, spending the holiday at his dacha with his family.

Vyacheslav Kostikov, Mr Yeltsin's spokesman, said that the president would seek extra powers to prevent violent demonstrations. Yuri Luzhkov, Mosow's mayor, accused the opposition of using thugs to confront the security forces.

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'More and more of us are retiring earlier, by choice or from necessity, and living slightly longer'

A generation rises with no role in life



We may be more healthy and influential at the end of our lives than past generations, but retirement still needs working at, writes **Charles Handy**

If a fairy godmother were to wave her wand and offer us the gift of another ten to 20 years of life, we would, I suspect, give a whoop of joy and then pause to wonder how we could best cope with this unexpected bounty. If we were wise, we would ask what conditions were attached, what money came with it and in what state of health we might expect to be in while it lasted. Some might even, on reflection, say "thank you, but no thank you".

Improbable as it may seem, something like this scenario has been unfolding around us. We have fashioned for ourselves 20 years or more at the end of our lives, after we have finished with full-time work and parenting, and before we enter the final stages of debility and dependency.

But we have noticeably failed to prepare ourselves or our society to make the most of it. What should be a great social achievement and a wonderful opportunity could turn out, instead, to be a personal problem, a cause of friction between the generations and a stain on our civilisation.

This is the dilemma of the third age, the period which the French like to call the "age of living". It comes after the

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second age of working and parenting and the first age of growing and learning, and should be a time for self-fulfilment and choice, for doing everything which somehow got neglected amid the pressure and responsibilities of the earlier age. The third age has crept up on us, unnoticed even by governments, which still assume that people retire at 60 or 65, live quietly for a while and quietly die. The truth is that more and more of us are retiring earlier, by choice or from necessity, and living slightly longer and much more healthily than our parents, into our late seventies and beyond. This is not retirement; the time is too long to do nothing and, for many, the money will not be enough.

If the third age is not retirement, what is it? That question is beginning to matter hugely to a large slice of the population. There are 14 million people, or a quarter of the population, in the third age, which is roughly defined as being between 50 and 75. These people may be older than some but they are not old. Real old age comes with the fourth age of dependency, an age which, if we are lucky, should last only long enough to say our goodbyes.

By 2031, people in the third age will make up a third of the population. The growth of the number of those in their third age is not marginal or avoidable: it is a stage of life which nearly all of us will encounter, be it for ten years of 30. We are unlikely to start dying younger or to live less healthily. The full-time job seems likely to continue to end early, partly because organisations now need fewer full-time people and partly because these fewer jobs are now so full that we seem to be cramming a traditional lifetime's work into 30 years instead of 50.

What, then, will all these third age people be doing? What will they live on and how will they live? These fundamental questions were the starting point of the Carnegie Enquiry into The Third Age whose report was discussed at an open conference last week. What particularly worried the enquiry was the thought that if those in the second age were required to support the growing number of third agers the burden would be too great, leading to conflict between the generations over the allocation of resources. Recently published projections forecast that, by 2031, Britain will have 46 state pensioners for every 100 people of working age, compared with 30 now.

Higher pensions or benefits for more people for more years are not, therefore, a realistic possibility. The trend in all countries is, if anything, the other way, concentrating the available pension money on the older, perhaps raising the pension age to 70 or even 75.

If Britain retains the present position, the pension will be worth only 8 per cent of the average wage by 2031. The hard truth is that the third age will have to become increasingly self-supporting if there are to be enough resources for the expensive fourth age. For most people, that means that there will have to be some paid work in the third age to fill the gap. Too few of us will have put enough aside, in pensions or savings, to cushion us for 20 years or more.

The paradox of the third age is that it has been precipitated by an early ending of the job but requires some continuing work to make it sustainable. The paradox is only manageable because of the distinction between the words job and work. Jobs may be increasingly scarce for those over 55, but work there will be in plenty, even paid work, as organisations put more and more of their work outside to be picked up in bits and pieces by independents.

We in the third age will increasingly find ourselves putting those bits and pieces into personal work "portfolios", selling our skills and services back into the organisation, having customers instead of bosses. The sooner we start preparing ourselves for this sort of work, the better it will be.

Those who find the thought of yet more work depressing could take comfort from Noel Coward's remark that "work is more fun than fun", provided always that it is work of our choice and at our pace. While some may want to do nothing for 30 years, for most people work provides not just some money but a reason for getting out of bed in the morning. Where work does not exist, in refugee camps for instance, we seem to have an irresistible urge to create it.

We will have to redefine retirement to mean doing something different, and perhaps in a more leisurely way. When we do, society will find the third age people a huge resource for work both paid and unpaid. Less ambitious now, less greedy, more reliable and more committed, their bits and pieces of work will be increasingly valuable. But we still lack the mechanisms, the trainers and the brokers to match this new resource base with its potential market.



Dancing years: third age consumers will buy the time to travel, study and play

Women will have particular problems. An interrupted or poorly paid second age means lower pensions in the third. A nest emptied of children can soon fill with elderly parents needing care. For many women work may not be of their choice, or at their pace, or even paid. It will not be fun. That will not be fair. The Carnegie Enquiry is surely right to propose that if the government raises the pensionable age for women, any savings should be used to help women in their third age.

Because of their large numbers, people in the third age may have their biggest impact not as workers, but as consumers and voters. It is not a homogeneous population and most will not be rich, but even so they will, en masse, have more disposable income than any other age group, after responsibilities for dependants are taken into account.

They are likely to spend more of their income on time rather than on things: on time to travel, time to study, time to play and time to keep healthy. The "grey market" will be one for services, not goods, and when they do buy goods they will look for reliability and durability instead of fashion.

As voters they may be increasingly interested in the world their grandchildren will enter, prepared to pay more for clean and quiet environments, for health and education. Or they may retreat into private enclaves, as many do in North America, insulating themselves from society and its problems. Either way, their numbers will turn them into trendsetters, a responsibility that they should not ignore. It is their chance to put their imprint on the future.

New social phenomena give birth to new words. The third age is not a trendy euphemism for retirement but a way of demarcating something that has never happened before on this scale — the rise of a generation without a prescribed role in society.

This is both a problem and an opportunity. It might be the defining characteristic of the next century. One thing is certain: we cannot afford to ignore it or to pretend that it is not happening.

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CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

I am often asked what is the shortest possible checkmate in chess. The answer is that checkmate can be delivered, amazingly, in just two moves. It is very rare since White has to cooperate mightily in his own destruction.

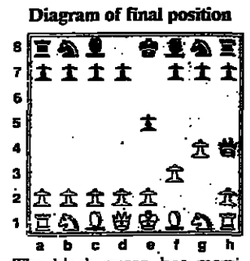
The logicians amongst you will easily work out why it is only Black that can win in this way.

This super-rapid checkmate goes under the aptly descriptive title of "Fool's Mate". Here are the moves:

White: Fool
Black: Wise Person

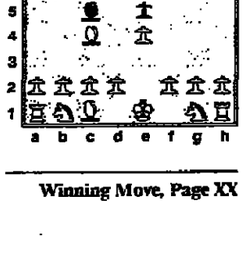
1	g4	e5
2	f3	Qh4 checkmate

Diagram of final position



The black queen has mercilessly skewered the white king.

More common, and a very popular way of giving checkmate amongst beginners is "Scholar's Mate". This can take a variety of forms but all of them end up with the death blow being delivered at the vulnerable square f7. This is worth trying in your own games and I often go for it in simultaneous displays where I am facing thirty or forty opponents at one and the same time.



White: Scholar
Black: Beginner

1	e4	e5
2	Bc4	Bc5
3	Qh5	Nc6
4	Qxf7	checkmate

Once again, it is the queen, the most powerful piece on the chessboard which has delivered the checkmate to the hapless enemy king. Of course, Black's third move was at fault and a sensible move such as 3 ... Qe7 would have been fine.

You can be sure that neither of these spectacular little jewels, which have been known to chess theory since 1475 will occur in the Kasparov - Short Times World Chess Championship which starts on September 7th.

Diagram of final position

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Pain of loss: mourners weeping yesterday as they enter President Premadasa's home to pay their last respects

Sri Lanka hatreds deepen after second assassination

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ *The killing of the president by a suicide bomber aged 14 bears the hallmarks of an operation by the Tamil Tigers, but the separatists in the north have denied any link*

TROOPS and extra police patrolled the Sri Lankan capital last night as a caretaker government ordered tighter security for political leaders after the assassination of President Premadasa.

Elite commandos guarded the coffin as the president's body, draped with the national flag, lay in state. A mile-long queue of mourners filed into his private residence. White flags of mourning were hung throughout the city and life-sized cutouts of the president stood in the streets.

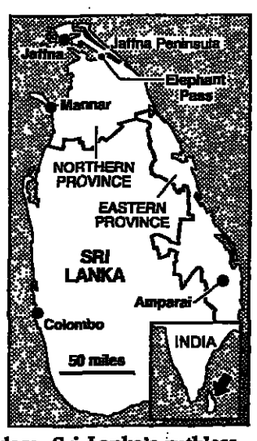
Police reinforcements moved into the capital to prevent any political backlash after national celebrations by opposition activists reacting to the murder. Opposition supporters in the Colombo suburb of Mount Lavinia complained of attacks, apparently by government sympathisers.

Mount Lavinia was a stronghold of Lalith Athulathmudali, the opposition leader, who was assassinated just over a week ago while he was addressing an election rally. Athulathmudali's party had blamed the government for his murder.

Police said yesterday they had found evidence linking the president's assassination with Tamil separatists. "The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are the prime suspects in the killing," Lionel Gunatillake, director of the Crime Detection Bureau, said.

Premadasa, 68, died when a youth, said to be 14, with a bomb strapped to his body brushed aside security men in a busy street during a May day procession and detonated the device, killing and maiming scores of people. A broken piece of cyanide capsule was found embedded in the suicide bomber's neck. Last night the Tamil Tigers denied they were responsible.





Island of violence: Premadasa, Sri Lanka's ruthless ruler, whose death has been blamed on Tamil Tigers

Dingiri Banda Wijetunga, the acting president who ordered the security clampdown after talks with Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the main opposition leader, pledged that provincial council elections would be held as scheduled on May 17.

Parliament was summoned to convene tomorrow to debate the crisis that has left a power vacuum that threatens to throw the island state into political confusion. Hopes of a negotiated end to a ten-year uprising by Tamil separatists in the north of the country have collapsed, and an economic reform programme launched two years ago could be halted.

Premadasa was an authoritarian figure who ruthlessly put down his rivals and directed government policy with little reference to cabinet colleagues. There are no natural successors, and the governing United National Party faces the prospect of disintegrating into rival factions.

Premadasa's house is on the site where he was born in a shack into the *dhobi* (washerman) caste. In the grounds, in a large glass cage, he kept one of his prized possessions: a vintage Morris Minor car, the first car he owned. The Colombo elite never overcame its contempt for Premadasa's lack of polish, but he was popular among the urban underclass and the rural poor.

He had many enemies, however, both within and without his party, and crowds of opposition supporters celebrated his death with fireworks. Sri Lanka's record of political killings began in 1959 when a Buddhist monk shot Solomon Bandaranaike, the Sinhalese nationalist.

Athulathmudali's supporters had accused the government of carrying out his killing, and some analysts believe that the president may have been killed in an act of reprisal. The Tigers' involvement, however, cannot be ruled out. The use of a suicide bomber is certainly a hallmark of the Tigers.

With both Premadasa and Athulathmudali dead, Sri Lanka has no political heavyweights capable of asserting authority over deep-rooted political enmities and family feuds, or pursuing a concerted campaign against the Tamil rebels.

The United National Party has been cut adrift by the death of its leader. Mr Wijetunge, the prime minister, who took over as acting president, will make a bid for power, but he probably lacks the authority to pull the party together. Members of parliament will elect a president within a month: he can hold office until December 1984, when popular presidential elections are due.

Sri Lankans made use of a a relative calm yesterday for panic buying amid fears of fresh curfews. Mr Wijetunge appealed for continued calm, but there is a risk of violence, particularly when Premadasa's state funeral is held on Thursday.

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Kuwait trench will safeguard border

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

KUWAIT yesterday disclosed plans to dig a trench along the whole of its fiercely contested 130-mile northern border with Iraq and proposals to fortify it with 1.3 million mines recovered after the 1990 Iraqi invasion.

The decision follows an upsurge in tension along the poorly defended frontier caused by Baghdad's renewed public claim last week that Kuwait is its nineteenth province and Kuwait's capture of a 17-man squad sent from Iraq two weeks ago to assassinate George Bush, the former president, with a car bomb during his triumphant visit. Yesterday Shaikh Ali Sabah al-Salim al-Sabah, the defence minister, also told the Kuwaiti daily paper *Al Watan* that the emirate will sign a defence pact with Russia in August.

Ahmed Baqer, the head of a Kuwaiti parliamentary committee, said that contracts for the border project were expected to be awarded to five Kuwaiti firms later this week in order to finish the job as quickly as possible. The Kuwaiti daily paper *Al Anba* yesterday reported that Iraqis manning border posts opened fire on the Kuwaiti posts of Sadrya and Azmyah on Thursday night and again on Sadrya on Friday night. Kuwaiti guards returned fire on both occasions.

Since its liberation from the seven-month Iraqi occupation, Kuwait has signed ten-year military agreements with Britain, the United States and France, all members of the coalition that fought the Gulf war. The agreements called for periodic exercises and stockpiling of weapons.

Senior Western sources said yesterday that, although news of implementation of the anti-Iraqi fortifications would be welcome, there would be disappointment if no Western companies were involved in the work. Various schemes, including an electric fence, have been under review since the Iraqi defeat in February 1991.



The trench will be 10ft deep and 16ft wide. Extra security would be provided by a 13ft sand embankment, and proposals to plant it with captured mines were being considered. The trench will be built on the lines laid down by the United Nations border commission but still contested by Iraq.

Five whites die in hotel gun attack

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AS THE funeral of Oliver Tambo, the veteran African National Congress leader, took place yesterday, a police hunt was under way for gunmen who killed five whites in an attack on an East London hotel on Saturday.

The murders bore the stamp of the Pan Africanist Congress's guerrilla arm, Apla, which has proclaimed this year as "the year of the storm" for attacks on whites, although no claim for responsibility has been made so far.

The three gunmen, wearing balaclavas, burst into the Highgate Hotel and sprayed the main bar and foyer with AK47 riflefire. Then they threw a hand grenade into a snooker room and a tear gas canister into a smaller bar.

Four white men were killed in the main bar and another in the snooker room. Four white men, two women and a black barman were seriously injured.

Yesterday the police offered a £30,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the killers and said they were hunting five men, naming two of them as Lungisa Ntintili and Thembelani Xundu.

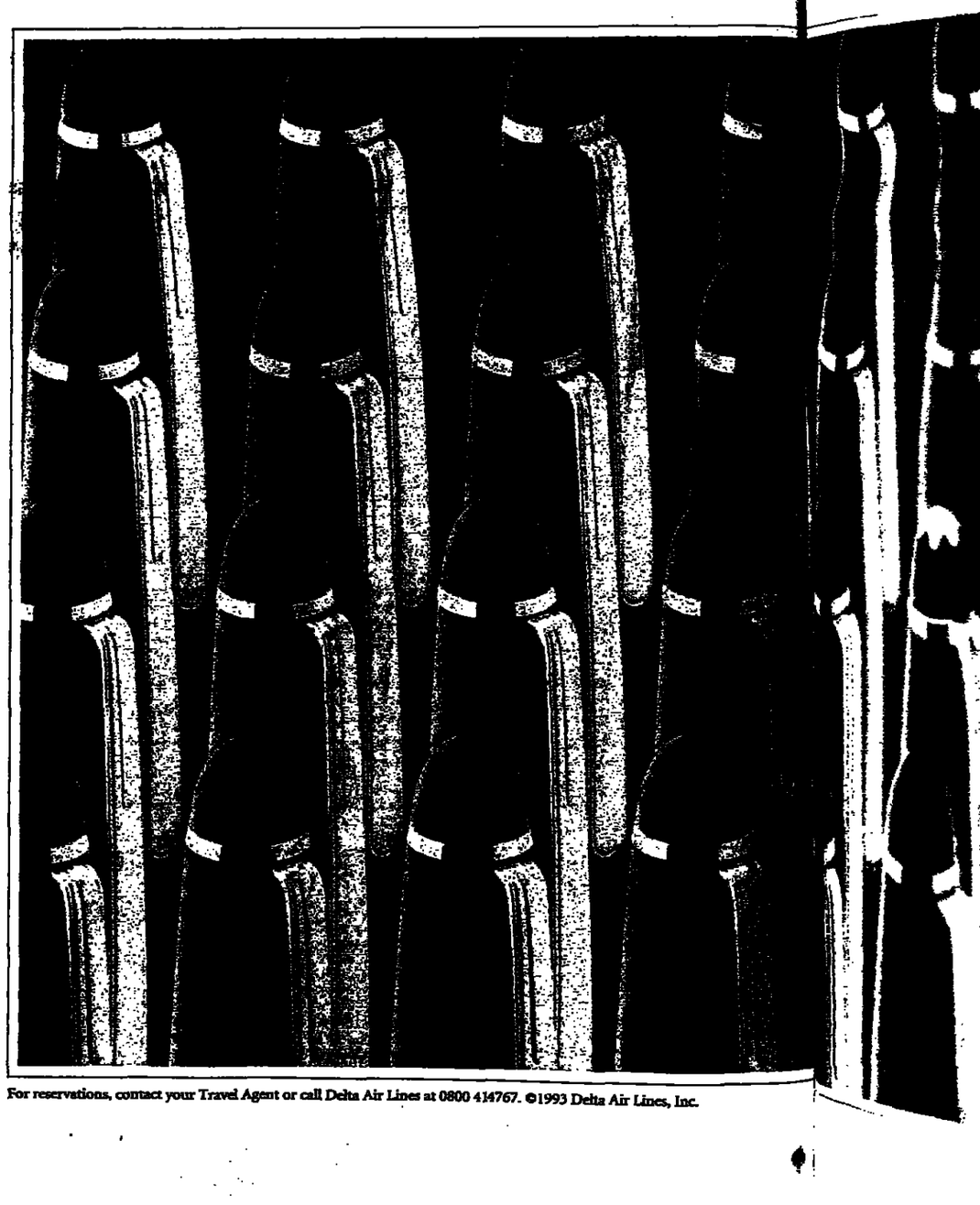
The radical PAC, whose Apla guerrillas have been blamed by the police for past attacks on whites, identified Mr Ntintili as one of its members in February. His arrest by police in the Transkei homeland on a car theft charge provoked a siege of the South African mission in the capital, Umtata, by PAC militants. Since last November a total of 15 whites have been killed in apparently racially motivated murders.

Meanwhile, Tambo's funeral passed off peacefully outside Johannesburg in a sombre mood that contrasted sharply with the anger and passion aroused at the burial a week earlier of Chris Hani, the assassinated Communist party leader.

For many in the crowd, Tambo, who died of a stroke at the age of 75, was a symbolic figure who they had never really known, but an indication of the international stature he achieved during the 30 years he led the ANC in exile was provided by the many foreign mourners.

They included an 18-member American delegation sent by President Clinton and led by Dr Donna Shalala, health and human services secretary. Other overseas representatives included the Rev Jesse Jackson, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, former president of Zambia, and Julius Nyerere, former president of Tanzania.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, said: "Oliver Tambo has not died, because the ideals of freedom, human dignity and a colour-blind respect for every individual cannot perish."



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West told to focus on making UN agreement work

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AN APPEAL from Lord Owen for the West to play down threats to bomb the Bosnian Serbs boosted John Major last night as he sought to head off American demands for direct military intervention in the Balkans.

Only hours before the prime minister met Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, to study President Clinton's plans to "get tough" with the Serbs, Lord Owen announced that he had secured the backing of the Bosnian Serbs for the peace plan he has drawn up with Cyrus Vance, his fellow international mediator.

Lord Owen coupled his announcement at the Athens summit with an impassioned appeal to Western politicians to concentrate on making the agreement stick rather than intervening directly in Bosnia-Herzegovina with air strikes and arming Muslim forces.

"You have all had your time on bombing and now let us talk about peace and how you implement a peace plan. That is the serious question for serious people. The bombers have had their day."

A key part of the Vance-Owen agreement involves the stationing of United Nations troops in the former Yugoslav republic and Lord Owen estimated yesterday that about 50,000 soldiers would be needed to police a ceasefire.

He urged Mr Christopher, who will fly on to Paris and Moscow, to concentrate on this rather than Mr Clinton's proposals for air strikes, arming the Bosnian Muslims and the creation of Muslim safe havens. He said he wanted Mr Major to press Mr Christopher for American troops to be part of an international peacekeeping force.

"The bombing option was always fraught with problems. The key question is to talk about implementation and I am sure that this is what will happen on Warren Christopher's tour about Europe. That is what the UN and the world expects. They want this peace plan to be made to stick and they do not want to have much talk about bombing."

The peace plan sets a series of tight — possibly unrealistic — deadlines for a cessation of hostilities, an end to the siege of Sarajevo and the withdrawal of Bosnian Serb fighters from about 40 per cent of the territory they now control. The process should culminate in about two years' time with UN-supervised elections under a new constitution.

To bridge the gap before the larger force arrives, the existing 9,000-strong contingent of British and other UN peacekeepers will probably be redeployed to monitor compliance with the peace plan.

In the next few days, the security council is expected to ask Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, to prepare an "implementation plan". It is only when the security council approves that plan that the peace process can begin.

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Under the plan, a ceasefire must come into force on "D-Day", three days after the security council vote. All heavy weapons must be withdrawn from round Sarajevo within the next five days, and from all other front lines within ten days. Within 45 days all Serb, Croat and Muslim forces must retreat to one of the provinces assigned them by the Vance-Owen map splitting Bosnia into ten semi-autonomous zones.

During the interim period, Bosnia will be governed by a nine-member government of national unity. Three Muslims, three Croats and three Serbs will divide the ministries of foreign affairs, finance, justice, international commerce, communications and transport, refugee affairs, reconstruction and environment, with the presidency itself rotating between each ethnic group every six months.

At the same time, each of the ten provinces — four Muslim, three Serb, two Croat and one mixed — will have its own interim government with a governor from the majority ethnic group and a vice-governor from the second most populous group. None of the three ethnic groups may be left unrepresented in any province.

A boundary commission will delimit the new provinces, and UN-policed "blue routes" will be set up to ensure freedom of movement between provinces. Sarajevo will be declared an open city, run by a mayor appointed by the national collective presidency.

An interim human rights court and an international human rights monitoring mission promote human rights, and four ombudsmen will be appointed to hear complaints.

Before the Anglo-American meeting at the foreign secretary's country residence at Chevening in Kent, Downing Street officials reacted cautiously to news of the peace deal in Athens.

They pointed out that the Bosnian Serbs had signed peace agreements before and not held to them, but there was evident relief in Whitehall that the Balkans agenda was apparently moving away from direct military intervention.

Mr Major wants to avoid a rift with America but is also aware that most Tory MPs fear that even air strikes could suck Britain into a European Vietnam. Ministerial sources were encouraged by what they regarded as the "flexibility" of Mr Clinton's position. One said that Mr Christopher's job was to find the "lowest common denominator" among America's allies.

He predicted that the Secretary of State would find France even more sceptical about air strikes. The sources emphasised the closeness of the British and French positions and their determination to present a united front.

PRESS AWARD

The Sarajevo newspaper, *Oslobojenje*, which has continued to publish throughout the war, was awarded the Freedom Prize yesterday for its coverage of the conflict. The prize has been awarded annually since 1982.

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Peace in our time: Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs, signing the Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina at the Athens summit yesterday

British soldiers prepare for fresh hazards

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH troops arriving in Bosnia-Herzegovina from Germany this month to take over the humanitarian aid mission from The Cheshire Regiment face the prospect of having to switch roles to a more hazardous peacekeeping operation.

The battalion group based on The Prince of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan — with French, Spanish and Canadian infantry battalions, also in Bosnia on humanitarian duties — could become a key element of an initial peacekeeping force. If the new mood for peace expressed by the Serbs goes beyond the mere signing of an agreement, the presence of troops armed with heavy equipment, ready to begin immediate

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enforcement of the Vance-Owen peace plan, will be crucial once a new United Nations Security Council mandate has been approved.

However, the military implications appear bleak in spite of yesterday's developments in Athens. Under every option, the West seems committed to greater military involvement in Bosnia, either to keep the peace or to wage war.

If the Bosnian Serbs continue to defy the international community, the United States, Britain and other allies will be forced to turn to air strikes or other military means to try to force an end to the war. If the Bosnian Serb parliament goes along with the peace plan, and there is a genuine end to the fighting, the West will have no option but to deploy tens of thousands of troops to Bosnia to implement the disengagement of the warring factions and to keep the peace between the ethnic communities.

Since the Bosnian Serb forces are likely to resent having to surrender up to two-fifths of the territory they have seized in the 12-month war, the risk of confrontation between Serb militia and UN peacekeepers must be high.

Britain will be expected to send the equivalent of a reinforced brigade of up to 8,000 troops if the Vance-Owen plan is to be implemented, with the 2,300 troops on humanitarian duties starting the process by changing to peacekeeping.

The men under Lt Col Duncan, 40, who is scheduled to take over command of the British troops in Bosnia from Lt Col Bob Stewart, in the middle of this month, will have armoured vehicles, 30mm cannon, 81mm mortar, Milan anti-tank weapons and 7.62mm heavy machine-guns intended to be sufficient firepower for either humanitarian or peacekeeping duties.

Warlords learn new parts in sunny dialogue

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of the hazy, pine-dotted mountains, Vouliagmeni is a resort for the rich. Expensive yachts are moored by the jetties, the limpid blue sea ripples in the sun, and geraniums and oleander bushes line the hotel terraces. It is the kind of place where newlyweds come for their early summer honeymoons, not where seasoned warlords and cynical politicians argue over slaughter in the Balkans. The newlyweds, bundled out of their rooms late at night by Greek officials to make room for the warlords, were understandably livid.

There was something surreal about the plotting, the cynicism and the speculation on the hotel terraces. Who would gain from an agreement? How long would a deal last? What was in it for the Muslims? Who would walk out first?

Pressure was the name of the game. Everybody was trying to use whatever pressure he had. But President Milosevic's arm-twisting of Dr Karadzic was the most brutal and, as all agreed, the most effective.

But was the Milosevic-Karadzic split real or was it yet another charade to win time and keep the world guessing? One man who insisted that Mr Milosevic was this time acting in good faith was Mr Mitsotakis, who needed to convince a sceptical world that Athens has all along been playing an honourable game and has not undermined Western solidarity against Serbia.



Mitsotakis: insists Milosevic is sincere

There was implicit pressure from the Americans but also from the Russians. Reginald Bartholomew, President Clinton's special envoy on Yugoslavia, hurried down to Athens, preceded by rumours that Mr Clinton was ready to launch air strikes within days.

Not coincidentally, the Serbs' change of heart appeared to date from within hours of President Yeltsin's referendum victory and the curt message from Moscow that the Serbs could not defy the world any longer and count on Russian support. In the end the sunny script engendered in the Athens sunshine won the day.

Refugees say only arms will bring them peace

FROM RICHARD BESTON IN TRAVNIK

ETHNIC CLEANSING

HUNDREDS, and possibly thousands of Bosnian Muslims and Croats are being driven from their homes in northern Bosnia in a renewed campaign of "ethnic cleansing" by Serbs, raising serious doubts about their leadership's sincerity in signing the Vance-Owen peace plan.

While Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, signed the agreement for the partition of the republic into Serb, Muslim and Croat provinces, United Nations officials and refugees here claimed yesterday that Serb forces on the ground were still pursuing a campaign of terror against ethnic minorities in the 70 per cent of the country under Serb control.

"Ethnic cleansing has never stopped in northern Bosnia," Peter Kessler, for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said. He added that many of the latest refugees are expected from the village of Vrbanja, where there have been widespread reports of atrocities but where international agencies have only been allowed infrequent visits by local Serb authorities.

The new arrivals from the area around Banja Luka are expected here today, swelling the ranks of the refugees who already make up nearly a third of the 70,000 population. Certainly a tour of the makeshift accommodation provided in schools and public buildings for the homeless, revealed that Muslims and Croats driven from their villages as recently as a week ago have no faith in Serb promises to share authority over Bosnia.

"I am no good at politics, but I can tell you that it is impossible for any Muslim or Croat to live again under Serb control," said Fatima, 59, who fled her home in Banja Luka a week ago. "We had to leave, we could not survive, the killing was everywhere," she said.

After one particularly grisly attack on her neighbour's home she had to clean up the remains of two sisters-in-law who had been tortured, killed and mutilated by seven hooded and uniformed Serb gunmen.

Almost all the refugees had similar horror stories of atrocities, which apparently escalated in March about the same time that Bosnian Serbs came under growing international pressure to accept the Vance-Owen plan. One man, who refused to give his name because he is expecting his brother and sister-in-law to arrive today on the latest refugee convoy, described how Serbs in his home town of Glamoc, killed, harassed and robbed local Muslim and Croat villagers finally forcing them to abandon their homes.

"They would not let us leave our homes to work in our fields, or go to shops. Occasionally they opened fire on my house. When the Red Cross sent us food parcels, the Serbs took it," he said, adding that rumours about two massacres by Serbs in the villages of Kovacevci and Radaslija had led to a sudden increase in the exodus of Muslims and Croats.

In each case refugees reported that they had been forced to sign documents stating that they had left their homes of their own free will and that they were voluntarily abandoning their property to the self-styled Bosnian Serb republic. However, that was not the end of their ordeal and Serb militiamen charged them hundreds and sometimes thousands of Deutschmarks for transporting them into exile.

"We are putting uniforms on tomorrow and joining the fight because if we don't struggle for our land nobody else will," said Mehemet, a former driver who was released from the notorious Serb detention centre at Keraterm and fled with his family to Travnik.

Like the other displaced people he had no faith that the Bosnian Serb acceptance of the Vance-Owen peace plan would bring him any closer to returning to his home town. "There is only one man we believe in and that is President Clinton," he said. "We hope he will give us the arms to fight."

Bitterness and despair drove 'man of the people' to suicide

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE French government yesterday delayed the announcement of its economic programme in deference to the memory of Pierre Bérégovoy, the former prime minister, whose May Day suicide by the River Loire has prompted much soul-searching and recrimination among the country's political classes.

Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist prime minister who took over from M Bérégovoy after the Socialists were mauled in the March elections, said the "deep emotion stirred by Pierre Bérégovoy's death" had caused him to delay the austerity package, due to have been released on Wednesday.

The Gaullists' scorn for the Socialist legacy was said by some of the former premier's friends to have been a final straw. Friends and family agreed yesterday that the avuncular, genial, "Béré" had been driven to his act by bitterness and despair caused not so much by the electoral disaster of the party that he had served for most of his adult life, but by a conviction that his honour had been unjustly impugned after press revelations in February that he had taken an interest-free loan from Roger-Patrice Pelat, a businessman later accused of insider trading.

"This was the act of a psychologically wounded public figure who could not bear seeing his honour cast in doubt," said Jean Glavany, the Socialist spokesman. The opposition and satirists had set about demolishing M Bérégovoy's image as the honest, "salt of the earth" politician after the loan became public knowledge.

The slow-speaking, folksy M Bérégovoy was also stung by criticism from some of his Socialist colleagues who said his tough anti-inflation policies hurt the working class. Beyond the personal tragedy, M Bérégovoy's act was cast yesterday as a bleak epilogue to the rule of the Socialist party.

Official accounts suggested that M Bérégovoy, a former Resistance fighter, lathe operator, gas board worker and trade unionist, had carefully planned his final hours and had picked the workers' holiday as a fitting one for his death. Visibly depressed, he spent the morning officiating at ceremonies in Nevers, the Burgundy town of which he was mayor since 1983.

In the evening, he told his driver to take him to a favourite spot on the tow-path at Sermoise, between the canal and the left bank of the Loire. There he asked the driver and bodyguard to wait outside the car while he made a telephone call. Alone, he took the guard's Magnum .357 revolver from the glove-box and hid it under his jacket. He told the pair that he would take a walk for a few minutes. Barely out of their sight, he put the gun to his temple.



Burden of sorrow: Bérégovoy and his wife Gilberte pictured a fortnight ago at a gala dinner in Nevers

Doctors pronounced him dead five hours later after he was flown to Paris in a deep coma. President Mitterrand, was waiting at the Val de Grâce hospital when the ambulance arrived, driving slowly, because the former prime minister was already dead.

The suicide shocked the public as well as the normally blasé world of politics and the media. A crowd waited in the rain all day outside the hospital yesterday.

"He was one of us, one of the people," said a man in his thirties. The former premier was not, said the man, like the *énarques* — graduates of Ecole Nationale D'Administration — who dominate past and present governments.

Many of those *énarques*, including M Balladur, joined the chorus of tribute to the self-made man who, like John Major, beat the class and educational system to make it to the top. Friends and family accused the media and judiciary of destroying a working class hero. For Jack Lang, the senior minister in M Bérégovoy's government, he was a "man of the people who had been murdered by the establishment". M Bérégovoy's brother Michel said through tears that his brother had been "slandered to death".

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Doubt cast on Danish opt-outs

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

DENMARK'S Maastricht treaty opt-outs returned to centre stage of the referendum campaign yesterday after publication of a leaked note by a senior Eurocrat saying that the exemptions are unenforceable.

Donald Allen, a lawyer at the European Commission, said the legal opinion of three Euro-sceptic British lawyers attacking the Danish opt-outs was "undoubtedly right".

The British lawyers, whose opinions have been extensively aired in Denmark in the run-up to the poll on May 18, described the deal reached between the 11 European Community governments and Denmark as weak and meaningless.

The publication of the note is more of a political embarrassment than a legal demolition. The Commission has little to do with the Danish deal, which it did not write and does not like.

The Danish opt-outs were designed by the EC's governments to allow them to wriggle out of a political problem. Until and unless the document is taken to court, nobody has any idea whether the opt-outs would stand up.

Scalfaro eases tension by ruling out early election

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Italian political crisis eased yesterday after President Scalfaro ruled out the prospect of an early general election before parliament passes electoral reform.

Signor Scalfaro also appeared to have persuaded Achille Occhetto, leader of the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), to take a neutral stance towards the government formed on Thursday by Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the central bank governor. Signor Occhetto told supporters gathered in the Piazza Navona that his party was prepared "to keep this government on its feet solely to carry out electoral reform within a few months, before the summer, and then go immediately to vote".

Signor Occhetto pulled three PDS ministers out of the government on Thursday, hours after they were sworn in, to protest against the refusal by Christian Democrats and Socialists to allow the prosecution of Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist leader, on corruption charges. But Signor Occhetto said an early election under the existing proportional representation system would be a betrayal of the April 18 referendum in which Italians voted overwhelmingly for a first-past-the-post system.

Signor Scalfaro said at the weekend an early general election without electoral reform, as opposition parties are demanding, would "lacerate the constitution and trample on" the outcome of the referendum. "This cannot happen and it will not happen," he said.

The Christian Democrat head of state acknowledged it was time to reform parliamentary immunity from prosecution. Nationwide protests followed the Chamber of Deputies vote on Thursday blocking Signor Craxi's prosecution. Immunity should not amount to impunity and violate the principle of citizens being equal in the eyes of the law, the president said.

Signor Ciampi made clear on Friday he intends to press on. Yesterday he was at his seaside home near Rome putting finishing touches to his programme to be presented to parliament this week. Aides described him as "determined and good-humoured".

The prime minister spent much of Saturday in his office in the Palazzo Chigi with Luigi Spaventa, the new budget minister, mulling over ways of curbing public expenditure. Signor Ciampi believes the government cannot limit itself to overseeing electoral reform, no matter how short its potential lifespan, without damaging the stability of the lira. Nicola Mancino, the interior minister, said the government expects a general election will be held in the autumn after reform of the political system.

Signor Ciampi is hoping that Marco Pannella, the Radical party leader, will support him by providing a few extra votes, so that the prime minister does not depend solely on the 16-seat majority with which Giuliano Amato, his predecessor, had to work.

The battle against organised crime continued yesterday in spite of the political uncertainty. Umberto Ammaturo, 52, a reputed boss of the Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Mafia, was extradited from Peru, where he had allegedly run a cocaine smuggling organisation with the help of guerrillas from the Shining Path movement.

Signor Amaturo, who tried to delay his extradition by running away from police and then smashing his head against a wall at Lima airport, arrived in Rome under police escort. His head was bandaged and he complained of migraine. He went missing while under house arrest in 1987, after being sentenced to 17 years in jail for Mafia links and cocaine trafficking.

In Naples, special prayers were held in the Roman Catholic cathedral of the city after the fabled miracle of San Gennaro, the liquefying of the blood of the saint, failed to materialise. Neapolitans traditionally regard the absence of the miracle — normally a cause for rejoicing each year — as a bad omen.

For those tempted to snigger, a bank holiday message: behind the hankies, the bells and the straw hats, the flame burns brightest

Siding with the morris men

Just because a man goes around calling himself Chief Bogey Man of the Mad Jacks of Hastings, there is no need to snigger. Bells around the ankles do not necessarily denote bees in the bonnet. Real Men can wear hats with flowers on. Is all this quite clear? Stopped giggling? Stopped quoting Sir Arnold Bax about how one should "try everything once, except incest and folk-dancing?" Good. Thank you. We are now ready to conduct a rational examination of morris dancers.

Which is more than a lot of smirking reporters could on Friday, when hankies and bells flapped and jingled outside the Houses of Parliament as 200 morris men protested against the threatened abolition of May Day. At least, they said that was what they were doing, but from my not inconsiderable experience of morris men (and women) I reckon it was just an excuse for a thrash.

Morris dancers are more than capable of organising their own May Days off work without any government edict; they often do so when the true 1st of May falls on a working day and the call comes from the squire to blow up the bladder, load the staves in the minibus and get capering. In my view, what the 200 Westminster revellers were doing was dancing for the hell of it. The following day a lot of them will have been stamping around King's Lynn, and by this afternoon they could be anywhere. Down your street, making your beer-mug rattle. These are imperialists. No wonder other men are afraid of them.

I should declare an interest here, in defending the not-all-that-ancient rites of the modern morris dancers who carry on the Cecil Sharp revival. My brother is one. So is my GP. But it is not so much that which recruits me to their defence, as a number of early encounters with the breed when I was researching a 1982 book called *Britain at Play*. It dealt with fringe enthusiasms, from husky-dog racing and miniature hovercraft to reassembling reject Russian army sidecar outfits with a mallet and glue. In my travels I kept meeting morris dancers. At first I dismissed them as rather shy-making bunches of ambulant ribbons who raised their knees rather higher than was thought cool by my generation (most of whom were too drugged to get their knee much above 20 degrees without falling over). But one day



LIBBY PURVES

at the Towersey festival, investigating why folk fans got into fewer fights than rock fans, I found myself wedged in a marquee, mere inches from a morris display on a wooden platform. Out of doors, you don't notice: but as the great black boots thundered up and down, wrist-thick wooden staves clashed brutally together, and muscular thighs bulged in white trousers above belled rat-proof agricultural garters, I scribbled Morris is Machismo on my wrist. Some of those chaps could have taught Mick Jagger a thing or two about crude male display. My dear, one swooned.

So having established to my satisfaction that morris dancing is OK, really — not unaesthetic, fairly interesting, good exercise and actually rather sexy close up — I grew benevolent. Every time I researched some new weird event such as a midnight steeplechase, steam rally or ballooning competition, I would be drawn towards the thin melodeon line and the shaking earth that led to a morris side (they are called sides, and they don't practise, they train). I discovered such rare and marginal species as the Border Plumbing-cloggers and the Blaenau Ffestiniog Stilt Dancers, who invented their art form themselves because, God knows, nobody else was ever going to.

Gradually I have edged towards the status of a morris groupie, even once commentating at a frightening torchlit event in Lincolnshire when several staves got broken in half and flew through the crowd. And I liked them all. I don't care if uppity chatterers, pallid intellectuals and anorexic rockers sneer at them and call them anoraks, or train spotters, or nerds.

Because — this is my bank holiday message to the nation — anoraks and train-spotters are to be revered. Also pigeon-fanciers, people who paint canalware, obsessive model engineers, cockroach collectors and part-time Napoleonic riflemen. I revere people who ignore style-guides, who read books they like rather than the ones on the 20-young-posers list, and do things because they are genuinely impassioned about them. Many of my heroes have worn bobble-hats and bristling beards: I have stood in the bottom of stinking, empty canal-locks shovelling slime and singing "Uncle Joe's Mint Balls" with people whose mad dream was to restore the waterway system to its 18th century glory; I have struggled down potholes with apparent loonies whose ambition was to dive through an icy rock sump, and dodged flying staves in the torchlight. I tell you, beneath anoraks, and under flowery straw hats, the divine flame burns brightest.

Young, British and unreadable

Julie Burchill (right), the novelist and controversialist, has ploughed her way through 20 novels chosen to promote British fiction. She emerged unimpressed



GRAHAM WOOD

Lists can be a lot of fun. Shopping lists. Party lists. Christmas present and wedding lists. Lists of people we've loved: teenage girls are particularly fond of these, and compulsively and convulsively churn them out like human tickertape machines — lists of those Kissed, Snogged, Slept With But Not Screwed and worse. Lists, one is inclined to think, find their true soulmates in the chewed Papermates of the teen angel.

But when grown men make lists, especially ones about culture, I reach for my Tippex. There is something a little anally retentive, something a little sad, not to say ludicrous, about cultural lists — see the recent Top Ten Films in *Sight and Sound*. And now the Twenty Best Young British Novelists roadshow looks all set to be even sadder.

That there are 20 of them, there can be no doubt. I've counted. This, though, is where the plain sailing ends. They are not the best by a long chalk. They are not "young" as we widely understand the term — many of them were on the last such list, 10 years ago. ("Thank God I'm over 40!" said Jonathan Meades on seeing this year's round-up of suspects.) And, most interestingly of all, very few of them would have the nerve to put "novelist" on their passports. Helen Simpson, the one great talent on the list, has written short stories and novellas; the same goes for Will Self, another exception to the desperate mediocrity of this shower. Most of the rest are working hacks; as novelists, they just don't cut it.

My comments on the abysmal calibre of this list, along with those of James Wood, Nick Hornby and many other contemporaries of the Chosen, have been rather tragically countered with cries of "Jealous, jealous!" Salman Rushdie accused the list's critics of being "as supportive as a fatwa", a shockingly insensitive misuse of our common language. So let's be clear where we stand on this: one of these writers — Helen Simpson — I do envy. I'm afraid there's no two ways about it. And I stated as much on the front cover of the paperback edition of her first book. The rest of you — sorry, guys and gals, not a chance.

Most of the 20 I did not know from Adam until I read their books last month. Some — Kureishi, Self — I admire, but not as writers of fiction. Some — Nicholas Shakespeare, Candia McWilliam — have slagged me off something awful, so it was nice to read their novels at last and to reflect that they are in their way just as toshy as *Ambition*, only less fun with it. Two of them — Caryl Phillips and Esther Freud — are possessed of such striking pulchritude that one was constantly vigilant against the natural bias towards the beautiful creeping in. And one of them — Anne Billson — is my friend. Sorry, *was*. That is my position, as clearly as I can make it.

Those behind the campaign have made their appeal more on the grounds of charity than critical conviction. From Salman Rushdie to A.S. Byatt, the line of defence offered is that, yes, there's some good stuff out there — and even if you don't agree with our choices, you should support Young British Fiction. "Twenty young writers did make the list because in our opinion they were the best we have", wrote Salman Rushdie. Yes, they may be the best we have, but that doesn't mean they're worth bothering about. Never mind, says Rushdie, "... for Pete's sake, let's give them a break". Whew — rigorous thinking, there!

The best that A.S. Byatt can come up with is that many of these writers are a "pleasure" to read and do not lack "ambition nor skill". As one of the judges, her role seems to have been less about passing judgment than making a wild guess about "promise, staying power, ambition and innate talent". In other words, we should rush out and buy a novel by one of these writers because one day, one of them might write a really good novel!

So: these writers may be bloody bad, but by God they're British and they're young and we all have a duty to do our bit. Whenever it's a question of culture, it's OK to raise the flag and rally round it. But it's strange that "British" fiction should be supported by such a multicultural post-modernist as Rushdie, whose fiction deconstructs and ridicules all notions of national identity.

There's nothing wrong with highbrow hype. For whereas hype usually aims at pushing a product for profit, this campaign is guilty of perpetuating pure fictions. For a start the notion that the bright burning torch of literature is passed on from generation to generation — Britain's great literary tradition, alive and kicking.

The underlying fallacy is that the marginalisation of fiction is simply due to bad marketing; we've got a great product, what it needs is good promotion. It's like the Labour Party forever explaining its declining popularity by claiming that "we have a problem with communicating our ideas effectively to the public".

That it's the product itself which is the problem is never considered. It would be too wounding to our cultural vanity to have to admit what is patently obvious that there is no great young British pop, poetry and drama. This is not to say that the novel is dead or that a talented generation won't come along — but right now, there's nothing happening and no amount of hype can alter that fact.

The problem is that the literati want it both ways — to have all the benefits of hype, but still maintain the high moral ground.

To counter the incessant moans of "Negativity!", I will list here the writers who I would have been very happy to have seen receiving such support from the publishing trade, all under 40 and often, under 30: Helen Zahavi, Michael Bracewell, Robert Harris, Edward St Aubyn, James Buchan, Caris Davis, Nicola Barker, Adam Thorpe, Kathy Lette, D.J. Taylor, Stephen Amidon, Jonathan Coe, Jessica Berens, Leslie Dick, Nick Hornby, Fiona Cooper, Michele Kirsch, Suzannah Dunn, Janice Galloway and, of course, Helen Simpson. None of these writers needs to be on such a list, and none of these writers (Miss Simpson excepted) would want to be on such a list.

ANNE BILLSON

Before she left London in the late Eighties, Anne was one of the wittiest and most stylish girls in town.

She was *very* Eighties: spray-on black dress, high heels, red slash of mouth, the perfect Louise Brooks bob. But she was also nice and brought out the best in people.

Suckers — the panel's patronising attempt to include a downmarket paperback — is shockingly bad. The writing is dreary, the morality amazingly naive (vampires, capitalism, bleeding dear old Blighty dry). And, of course, the vampires all wear black dresses, red lipstick and want to make lots of money. Just like Anne. Just like me. Just like any broad with half a brain, really.

If this writer was a cab driver she'd say: Bloody yuppies. I remember when there was real communities round the East End. Like the Krays. Diamond geezers.

ESTHER FREUD



Her first novel, *Hideous Kinky*, told the story of a child growing up in the Sixties with a wandering Boho mother, and learning to love the Moroccans.

Her second, *Peerless Flats* tells the story of a teenager growing up in the Seventies with a downwardly mobile mother, and learning to love the working class. If Miss Freud progresses at this rate, next year's novel will see her buying a BMW, and learning to love Thatcher's Children, and so on.

By the year 2000 she'll be writing about herself as an old biddy well into the next century while still remaining young and beautiful in the here and now. Sort of Dorian Grey in reverse.

Peerless Flats is a nice, easy, graceful read after the constipated portentousness of most of the rest, but Nell Dunn did it better then and Suzannah Dunn does it better now. Freud's half-sister, Rose Boyt, writes similar books about being the daughter of a dippy single mother and Lucien Freud. In the old days, neurotic girls lay on couches and told Freud about their parent. Now, Freuds tell us about their parents, and they're still coining it!

If this writer was a cab driver she'd say: Love — that's all a kiddie really needs. If you give 'em enough love, they can handle anything.

ADAM LIVELY



"WAR! HUH! WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?" demanded Edwin Starr. Well, for a start you can write pretentious novels about it. Worked for McEwan, worked for Amis — worked for Barbara Taylor Bradford, best of all.

A nasty little book, which does its damnedest to convince us that, while the Nazis might have had unpleasant manners, 1940s Britain was a racist, anti-Semitic hellhole too. 117 pages short and not bloody short enough. Have you noticed the dumb vogue for giving books the names of animals — *The Porcupine, The Elephant, Black Dogs*? I guess writing cretins thought as publishers had been doing it for so long — Panther, Penguin, Corgi — they might as well have a bash too.

If this writer was a cab driver he'd say: There was good and bad on both sides during the second world war, wasn't there? Stands to reason. Apparently, Hitler would have done anything for his dogs.

A.L. KENNEDY

Oh my God. I don't believe it. Praise the Lord and pass the orchids — a *real* writer is among us, with a beautiful first novel, *Looking for the Possible Dance*. 28-year-old Scots chick who looks like a tormented Emma Thompson. "Asleep, she is surrounded by waiting." "There are few things more satisfying than a compliment directed to one's teeth." "She was a single person when people were always expected in pairs, like eyebrows or gloves." Like early Lord Cole, or a sadder, more monochromatic Shena Mackay. Like Shena Mackay if she'd stayed in Scotland. Anyway, at last a writer worthy of the name. Always send a girl to do a man's job if you want it done proprely.

If this writer was a cab driver she'd say: Be nice to your Dad, because you only get one.

IAIN BANKS

This reappearance 10 years later in yet another Most Promising List — like that of Adam Mars-Jones — makes me think of the great Simpsons episode 'Bart Gets An F'. When the mellow Yellow one fails his exams, he is threatened with being "kept back" for another year in the fifth grade. He fantasizes a time 20 years hence, when he is *still* in the fith grade having to suffer the indignity of having easy answers hissed to him by his own son, Bart Jnr. You bet he's humiliated.

This is Iain Banks's 12th novel: is he really still in need of this sort of career kick-start?

If this writer was a cab driver he'd say: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

KAZUO ISHIGURO

His novel, set in Fifties Hungary, is called *Under The Frog*. Hungarians. You go figure. A black comedy — which means you laugh at things you know you shouldn't be laughing at. A nice moody black and white atrocity shot on the cover — exploitative? Nah, art. Set in post-war Europe (Big Novel McEwan Points) but following a basketball team in pursuit of sex and in avoidance of work (New Lad Levinson Points). Its publishers probably think it's madly cinematic. It's not.

If this writer was a cab driver he'd say: Life, eh? You've got to laugh or you'd cry.

CANDIA McWILLIAM



Big on hair, low on talent. Suffering severe career sag after second novel, *A Little Stranger*, three years ago when she replaced an exiled Lisa St Aubyn de Terain as resident Show Off Girl Writer With Silly Name (Candia! Like some dyslexic bimbo Bill Clinton might have bagged). Looks like Siri Husevedt, but not so good. Writes like Siri Husevedt, but not so good. A vacuum masquerading as an enigma.

If this writer was a cab driver she'd say: Money? Can't buy you happiness, though, can it? (Accompanied by smirk).

HANIF KUREISHI

Personally, I quite like Hanif Kureishi, and I can sit through his stories about himself — *My Beautiful Laundrette, Sammy and Rosie Get Laid, The Buddha of Suburbia* — until the holy cows come home. Lots of other people don't feel the same way, but so what? And of course, if the letter "I" on his typewriter ever gives out he's in big trouble.

If this writer was a cab driver he'd say: You're only young once, intcha? Get in there my son!

LOUIS DE BERNIERES

More Latin America (see Nicholas Shakespeare). More Black Comedy (see Tibor Fischer and Laughing At Things You Shouldn't Really Be Laughing At). More old rope Surrealism applied to the cocaine trade, ha! The only truly surreal thing one could make up about the cocaine trade would be the likelihood of actually getting the full measure one pays for.

Torture and timers rub cold shoulders throughout this leaden romp. If you had a soft spot for Tom Sharpe, a) you're a cretin and b) you'll like *Senor Vim and the Coca Lord*.

If this was a cab driver he'd say: See Tibor Fischer.



As fireflies are born to dance for 12 magic hours before dying, so most winners of the Booker Prize seem born for one flittering, glittering evening of glory, and thence to make their way to a final resting place, never to be heard of again. Booker winners remind one of nothing so much as Louise Rainer, the beautiful, talented actress who in the early Thirties won a Best Actress Oscar and was never seen on the screen again.

Like most books that win the Booker, *The Famished Road* is beautiful and of considerable merit. But, like Louise Rainer, it is also strangely unmemorable, lacking that crucial touch of vulgarity which lifts a great book above mere literature. I think I can safely say that it will not change your life.

If this writer was a cab driver he'd say: Look at the colour of the sky. There's got to be a god, hasn't there? Stands to reason.

NICHOLAS SHAKESPEARE

No relation. New one, *The Vision of Elena Silves*, set in Peru. Tries dead hard to be all vivid and epic and depressing, like Graham Greene. Fails. Love stories set in Latin America always make me think of those Duran Duran videos we used to snigger at back in the Eighties. If a story's really good, it'll work as well in Salford as Santiago.

Nicholas Shakespeare once wrote that I was wasting my talent. I wish I could return the compliment.

If this book was a cab driver it would say: Politicians, they're all the same. Why not just let the *people* get on with it?

JEANETTE WINTERSON

Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear. Not since Frank Harris died has such a smorgasbord of sexual swaggering been sold in public places. *Written on the Body* is the sort of stuff we adolescent Sapphos used to write in our diaries at 12. The difference is that most of us had the grace to tear it up at 13. "Write about what you know," your English teacher always tells you, and Winterson is actually sitting on a great story, how a radical lesbian feminist came to rule a harem of compliant women, and justified it in the name of Art. But selfless, all sacrificing love? Please.

If this book was a cab driver it would say: Love — it's what a woman lives for, innit? Basically.

Brill journalist of screen, radio and the written word, proves that he too can write try-as-dust, over-researched, under-achieving historical novel — *Cambridge* — with the best of them white boys. Great. But why bother?

If this writer was a cab driver he'd say: There's good and bad in every race, isn't there? Stands to reason.



I never knew what the phrase "she can write like an angel" meant until I read this babe's book *Four Bare Legs in a Bed*. Because you don't really think of them playing harps, and flying about, and the growing *en masse* on the head of a pin. (Whatever turns you on. But there *is* something other-worldly, something seraphically savage about Helen Simpson's work. But she's not. The bitch is cute as hell — and she's a year younger than me! If I was looking to be annoyed about being left off this pixy list, this is the one I'd really sharpen my claws on. But faced with such talent, awe is the only correct response.

Simpson deals with small lives in perfect miniatures: the sort of girly thing Salman Rushdie felt moved to rant against quite savagely in the Sundays a while back, and the reason why such talents as Nicola Barker and Suzannah Dunn have been given the bum's rush.

If this writer was a cab driver she'd say: That Julie Burchill! Once she gets a bee in her bonnet, she goes on, and on, and on...

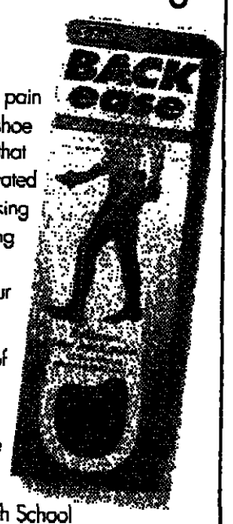
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Fashion

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The world's most glamorous women queue for an appointment with Oribe Canales. What is his secret?

The Swinging Sixties were one long party for fashion designers and hairdressers, but when Mary Quant, Ossie Clarke, and the rest were usurped by younger, newer names, it was the hairdresser who stayed on to dance. In 1993, Vidal Sassoon remains a household name. Somewhere in L.A. he is probably still doing the Hustle.

For hairdresser Oribe Canales the party is in full swing. Having achieved the ultimate accolade in the fashion business, being known simply by his first name, Oribe (pronounced Or-bay) is to the 1990s what Sassoon was to the 1960s. His name is omnipresent, appearing on the pages of glossy fashion magazines and among the programme credits for international designer shows. He has become the hairdresser-as-celebrity. No party is complete without Oribe.

Cuban-born, New York-based, Oribe certainly looks the part. With jet black pomaded hair, dark tan, and flashing white smile, he dresses in black leather jeans and white T-shirt, flexing muscles and tattoos by the armful.

In his salon the telephone is constantly ringing. Callers lucky enough to get through join a long waiting list of clients who are willing to pay handsomely, just for the pleasure of having Oribe run his fingers through their locks.

Oribe is in demand.

When not attending to the hair care of his rich and famous clientele, he is juggling his diary to make room for the endless calls by fashion editors and designers who want Oribe to create something wonderful for them.

Does he like the attention? "It's great. I ride the publicity. I don't take myself too seriously. A lot of people get effected by it. I don't." He answers as matter-of-factly as anyone can sitting in their own $2 million salon on the tenth floor of the swanky Elizabeth Arden building on Fifth Avenue. What about the pressure? Surely it must be more difficult to create wonderful hairstyles when everyone is telling you that the last hairstyle you did was *wonderful*? Oribe doesn't seem phased. "Not really," he says, "sometimes you're good, sometimes you're bad. As awful as you can be, that's how brilliant you can be." Just how brilliant can he be? "It all depends on timing. On the girls. What you have to work with, and how much time you have."

Although his time is precious, he certainly works with the best names in the business. *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, Penn, Avedon, Alaia, Klein, Versace, Ozbek, Naomi, Christy, Linda. Ah, Linda. It was Oribe's savaging of Linda Evangelista's long locks which pushed the model into the superleague. That one little haircut did much the same for the man wielding the scissors. Suddenly his name was everywhere. On everyone's lips. It was the moment everything came together for Oribe, but how did he start? Why be a hairdresser? "At first I did hair just for the money. It was an easy thing to do when I left school, but once I got into it, I *really* got into it."

With so many different demands on his talent, where does he find inspiration? "For me it's on the streets. New York is a very colourful city. Every once in a while you see a great old lady with tremendous style. You get it from wherever. A lot of the times the clothes of the designers inspire me. Or a photographer. I love working with Mr Penn. He has an incredible eye. With Mr Penn you don't necessarily do what's trendy, but what makes an image to fascinate him as a photographer."

Having seen his work on the international catwalks and in glossy fashion journals, what can his customers expect? "What they get is appropriate to them. I can change a lot. I have a very conservative way of cutting hair, and I would rather go avante-garde or wild with the texture or the finishing. So what they get is a great haircut."

Did he expect his clients to follow the flow of fashion? "It's nice to change, but it's difficult when you're not confident. With chemicals in the nineties, you want curly hair, you want straight hair, you can have it. It's one of the few things you can change.

"It really makes me feel great when I have a great haircut. When your hair looks good you feel really good. Don't be afraid to change. So many people get so contrived in their look ... and sometimes mistakes are how you learn."

Splitting his time between the salon and studios worldwide, does he find he prefers one to the other? "It depends. At the moment shooting is not that interesting, so I spend more time in the shop, and working on my product line. I like doing advertising campaigns. Working with Avedon on the Versace campaign we changed things, like the waif girls, like Kate (Moss). We did her differently, that challenges me. I love doing Kate's hair. She's a modern girl. You can do anything to her. it can take two seconds, whatever you do looks great, she knows how to carry it. "

Having been responsible for making the supermodels look even more super, Oribe seemed the right man to ask whether the eighties ideal of "models-as-glamorous-sex-symbols" will resurface when the fashion press has had their fill of coy waifdom. "I still think it's about sex and glamour," he pauses for a moment, flashing his white smile, "when they take those ugly long dresses off."

CHRIS MOORE



The hairdresser-as-celebrity: Oribe has won the ultimate accolade — he is known in the fashion capitals of the world just by his first name



DONNA KARAN: A collection that needed hair which would work with hats. Oribe created combed veils of whispy hair, falling short at the sides to create a frame for the face, echoing Karan's use of transparent fabrics



MICHAEL KORS: Curls were a foil for simple silhouettes. Oribe pulled the hair away from the face, and pinned false pieces at the back



DOLCE & GABANNA: Hippy nostalgia prompted Oribe to go natural. Long hair fell dead straight, from centre-parts, held by headbands



COMPLICE: Swinging London was the theme. Oribe plumped for pudding basin mop-top Beatle wigs, or severely slicked side-part cuts

Kenzo comes to town

KENZO, the Japanese fashion designer, has opened a new shop in London. The white, rather stark interior works as the perfect backdrop for his kaleidoscope collection. Vivid blazers and Nehru-style jackets in brilliant blues and reds sit happily alongside long floral dresses and white lace summer shirts. A firm favourite with Parisians since Jungle Jap, his first shop, opened in 1970, Kenzo is a colourful addition to any high street. Kenzo, 15 Sloane Street, London SW1.

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● WITH the advent of catalogues, shopping from home has never been easier. Now the best of British fashion is available in the same format. Kingsmill, headed by husband and wife team Patricia and Andrew Davidson, is a new concept in mail-order shopping. Clothes and accessories can be purchased over the telephone, by fax or through the mail, a valuable convenience to those who do not have the time, opportunity or the inclination to shop for special wardrobe additions. Stylish separates from the spring/summer '93 collections of Caroline Charles, Paul Costelloe and Amanda Wakeley are combined to project relaxed, dressy and business images with witty handbags by Anya Hindmarch and modish costume jewellery from Butler & Wilson. Kingsmill offers personal service and advice and a vow to deliver ordered items to your door within four working days. To order a copy of Kingsmill, the British Designers Collection, telephone 0494 890555 or fax 02406 6003. Goods will be delivered to your door within 48 hours. A cover price of £3.50 plus postage will be refunded against the first order placed.

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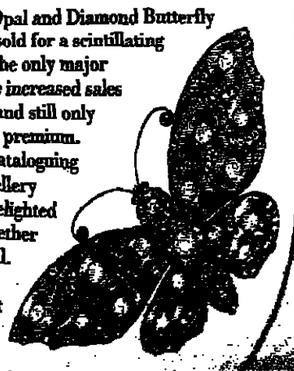
● *THE TIMES* fashion office has never smelt sweeter. Since Cartier began its perfume launch campaign four weeks ago, flowers of intoxicating scent have arrived weekly to grace our paper mountains; first daffodils, then roses, followed by lily of the valley, and jasmin, culminating finally with a bold bouquet of tangerines.

Each of the five flowers sent is an ingredient in the new perfume Must de Cartier II, a deliciously light scent with fresh floral notes. Must II prices range from £32 to £125, available in Eau de Parfum, Eau de Toilette, Eau Fraiche, and a beauty collection consisting of perfumed cream, soothing body milk, perfumed bath, shower gel, and eau deodorante. Cartier, 175-176 New Bond Street, London, W1. (071 493 6962) and selected branches of House of Fraser.

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■ *Momentous historical events can turn on the width of the average newspaper column*

In any conflict of ideas there is an easy way to predict which will win. It is the idea whose name has the fewest syllables.

I call it the "sub-editors' test". Few readers realise that it is almost never the author of an article or news report who composes the headline, but the sub-editor. Sub-editors also have to fit the article itself into the space available.

There is never enough space. Sensible journalists will therefore choose their subjects and compose their articles with two important considerations in mind. You may think them frivolous but we must respect them both: the sub-editors' eternal difficulty — lack of space — and the need to compose a short, snappy headline to signpost the reader in our direction.

On the whole, we co-operate. We do this not only out of compassion for sub-editors, but because we do want our articles to appear, we do want them to beckon the impulse-reader, and because we do not wish these deeply pondered and beautifully crafted essays to appear with the last two paragraphs chopped off.

The result is a sort of constant, but unseen, pressure upon syllables. The consequences of this pressure are immense. Indeed, sometimes historic. Why do you think Labour's derisive (and inaccurate) "poll tax" triumphed over the government's "community charge"? Just try fitting "community charge" into a tabloid headline. For similar reasons, "election" is being elbowed out by "poll" in news reports.

It is odd that politicians never seem to think of these things. If Hitler's PR people had realised that "National Socialist" would never catch on, they could have concentrated on thinking up a more lovable name than Nazi. Socialism, too has always been dogged by that word's lack of sub-editor appeal: do you realise that "loony left" contains the same number of letters and breaks appealingly into two decks for a narrow headline? And, if the Conservatives ever thought they would be able to stop us calling them Tories, then they must have given up by now. "Lib Dems" are here to stay, unless the party is prepared to be abbreviated to "Liberals".

Tories are particularly slow to grasp these things. The concept of "cuts" was always more likely to appeal to sub-editors than "economies" or even "reforms". Likewise, homosexuals are wasting their time complaining that *The Sun* calls us poofs. I can assure the Outrage campaigners that sub-editors, not Conservative moralists, are to blame. Lesbians have succumbed with a better grace to "dykes". Note that "gay", though not pejorative, has caught on with sub-editors too. And there are reasons beyond prejudice why Frenchmen are frogs.

People with disabilities will, sadly, have to accept that "disabled" is shorter: and if they make too much fuss may end up "cripples" or PWDs — the worst of the lot. The ghastly "PWAs" is already gaining ground because Aids victims are said not to wish to be called victims. Lobbyists tried "people with Aids" but journalists won't buy it.

I share the distaste for generic nouns such as "blacks", "whites" or "Jews". They make a single attribute define a human being, but it's simply unrealistic to think that replacing one word with two or more will catch on. Political correctness is up against more than ridicule when it attempts to launch expressions such as "nutritionally challenged": it is up against sub-editors who are unwilling enough to choose "obese" when "fat" is on offer, and will certainly not swap one syllable for eight.

> 'I am sure that one attraction of sex for sub-editors is that it has only one syllable'

I am sure that one of the attractions of sex for sub-editors is that it has only one syllable. It looks great in a headline. If we had all had to write "intercourse" whenever we meant sex, it is very likely that the subject would not dominate life and British newspapers in the way it now does. The Almighty made an elementary mistake when He gave the English two syllables for "virtue" and one syllable for "sin".

Not, of course, that we absolutely refuse to entertain multi-syllabolic concepts. Where a phenomenon is too interesting to be ignored, we simply amputate. You cannot overlook an earthquake but you can call it a quake. Readers being incurably morbid, and "surgical operation" being impossibly long, we end up with op. "Sex op" is a tabloid favourite. Another is "tragic": "Tragic boy in sex op swap — MP raps doc". Tragic, in two short syllables, sweeps across a great range of polysyllables from the realms of sympathy, sorrow, catastrophe, disappointment and misadventure. It says "hankies out" in fewer syllables than these. It has now gone beyond rescue.

And have you noticed the slow disappearance of the word "that"? "He said he was going home" is an acceptable alternative to "He said that he was going home" but verbs such as "deny", "prefer" and even "judge" are losing their "that". "He judged he was too weak to go on" is comprehensible, if inelegant, so if you want to cut 20 words from an essay, or four seconds from a news clip, simply removing [that's your lot — *sub-ed*].

The Opposition needs ideas, and the new *Observer* should offer a forum for them

Last-chance salon for the left?

British newspapers survive almost anything. The *Observer* has survived huge commercial losses and the inappropriate proprietorship of Tiny Rowland, and is now to continue its 200-year-old existence as a sister paper for *The Guardian*. What is more, it has survived with its core personality almost intact, and even a large part of its core readership. All that is needed is a new editor, some new ideas, and it can resume the chase for public attention with as good a chance as its immediate competitors, *The Independent on Sunday* and *The Sunday Telegraph*. *The Sunday Times* is another matter.

The choice of the new editor is vital. The two periods in this century in which *The Observer* has been a particularly interesting newspaper were under the editorship of James Garvin and David Astor; the character of the paper is much as Astor left it. The editorship of Donald Trelford, though it has lasted since the 1970s, has made surprisingly little impact on *The Observer*'s personality. Mr Trelford is neither an aristocrat, an intellectual nor a man of outstanding charm. Yet *The Observer* still shows marked residual traces of all three qualities. The tone of the newspaper is a strange mixture between that of high-minded Fabians, all Webb-like and Shavian, and of the Jacobin aristos who voted for Louis XVI to go to the guillotine only to find themselves following him. None of this is to be detected in Mr Trelford; it all comes from Astor.

The newspaper *The Observer* should try to emulate is its rival *The Sunday Telegraph*. It will be no good trying to copy the success of *The Sunday Times*: the sheer weight of *The Sunday Times*'s current success would make that course impossibly expensive. *The Sunday Telegraph* is the weekly newspaper of ideas of the right. Two recent editors, Peregrine Worsthorne and now Charles Moore, resemble Astor in being fascinated by ideas, and have the sense that they should be entertaining and surprising. There is obviously a gap in the market for a weekly newspaper of ideas of the left, but the new editor of *The Observer* must be as good an ideas man of the left as Mr Moore is of the right.

One strength of *The Sunday Telegraph*'s operation is its link with *The Spectator*, which is in the same ownership. *New Statesman & Society* is now in financial trouble because of its poor sales and the prime minister's libel action. If *The Guardian* management wishes to make a success of *The Observer*, it could well consider purchasing the *New Statesman*, which might provide the same sort of nursery of talent and ideas that *The Spectator* does for *The Sunday Telegraph*. Again the choice of editor is vital; it would need a Dominic Lawson of the left.

Last week in *The Times*, Janet Daley argued that the real problem is not *The Observer*, but the left itself. The collapse of European socialism, both in its democratic and communist forms, has undeniably transferred the debate from the left to the right. The modern Labour party has a wretched absence of ideas. Whatever one thinks of the government, which may be the worst since the 1930s or the 1770s or some such epoch, the Opposition is the most intellectually boring in the whole of British history. Never has an Opposition fallen into a more profound state of mental vacancy; it is a Dunciad all to itself.

Yet monopolies of intellectual vitality, at either end of the political spectrum, seldom last for long. In Britain the right has been saying more interesting things than the left ever since Ted Heath left office; the period of Margaret Thatcher's leadership of the Opposition was a golden

William Rees-Mogg

age of political debate, almost all of it on the right. Now the most interesting critiques of the government still come from inside the Conservative party, to the displeasure of the whips. Yet as recently as the 1960s the Labour party — and *The Observer* itself — had interesting things to say. Until Harold Wilson came to power in 1964, the liveliest national debate was on the left; Hugh Gaitskell, like Mrs Thatcher, was a political leader who was passionately involved in political ideas, and had a talent for discussing them.

The Observer should try to win back this ground. The old house still stands. The paint is peeling from the walls; the shutters have not been opened for 20 years; there are still some bats in the belfry, now safeguarded with a protection order; the ancient butler, Alan Watkins, is sampling the Fonseca 1927 in the cellar. All that is needed is to pay for a brisk refurbishment, send out some invitations, and the salon can be reopened to the public.

Perhaps it is too much to hope that *The Observer* can restore socialism to life; that would take more than the skills of Mary Shelley's heroic Dr Frankenstein. But there is no shortage of unsolved problems in need of intellectual analysis. David Astor's *Observer* employed several brilliant refugees and was the best informed British newspaper on the postwar development of Europe. Europe's future is again in doubt; nobody now knows where Europe is going, though some think they do. The most successful economies of the world, those of the Far East, are based on a strange mixture of Adam Smith and Confucius. That is not, in British terms, entirely a solution of the right, though it does have strong conservative elements.

The Labour party under John Smith is anxious to transfer control of the British economy, and British employment, to an unelected European central bank. That at least ought to be the subject of further and better debate inside the Labour party.

The NOP poll in *The Mail on Sunday* shows a combined 21-point lead in Newbury for the Liberal Democrats and Labour, and that only 12 per cent see Mr Smith as "the most effective leader". A Liberal-Labour alliance, probably led by Tony Blair, would almost certainly win the next general election by a landslide comparable to 1945 or 1906. This great political issue is bound to be the subject of increasing political debate, a wonderful opportunity for a newspaper of left-wing opinion. There must be intellectuals of the left who would like to use the columns of *The Observer* to join in that debate, and in the more general debate about the future of British social life.

The aim of a newspaper of ideas should be to stir people up; it cannot afford to trade on its old stock, nor can it be timid about introducing new opinions to the market place of opinion; some of them will soon fade, while others may flourish. The *Observer* has been losing readers because it has not stirred people up enough. It has reinforced the prejudices of its existing readers, rather than challenging them. Some of its most stirring stories of the past decade came indeed from the eccentric anti-Harrods crusade waged by Mr Rowland; that provided some fascinating copy.

The Observer has the opportunity to raise the level of debate on the left; indeed that level could hardly be lowered. Many people are deeply disappointed with the present government, not all of whom are Conservatives. Now that *The Observer* has stumbled up into the sunlight from the Hades of Lonrho, it should rejoice in its freedom to rethink. It was the most interesting British newspaper of intellectual opinion for 15 years after the second world war. The objective of the new regime should be to regain that position, and the readership such a position commands.

Mr Smith's sleeping partner

Labour must consider talking to the Lib Dems, says **Peter Riddell**

John Smith is going to have an uncomfortable summer. This may seem paradoxical, since Labour is well ahead in the opinion polls and may this week force an embarrassing retreat, if not defeat, on the government over the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty.

Mr Smith's troubles are more fundamental. His strategy since being elected leader last July has rested on three propositions: first, that Labour can win again on its own; second, that the party has to reform its internal structure; and third, that its policies need to be modernised. The first two are now under serious threat.

Thursday's elections will symbolise these difficulties for Labour. The sizeable defeats which the Tories are likely to suffer in the shire counties, and probably also in the Newbury parliamentary by-election, would normally have put pressure on John Major, but the latest evidence of economic recovery has boosted Tory morale at Westminster, if not yet in the country. So party leaders will try to brush aside the losses as a usual mid-term setback with no implications for long-term Tory prospects. However, they may be wrong to underestimate the extent of disillusionment with the government among traditional Tory supporters.

As important is which of the opposition parties benefits. The likely success of the Liberal Democrats underlines how they — and not Labour — are still the main challengers to the Tories in large parts of southern England. Admittedly, the results will flatter the Liberal Democrats, since comparison will be with a middling outcome in 1989 when the counties were last fought, but the party should still capture the headlines next Friday. Labour can reply that we should wait until next year,



when its strongholds in London and the big cities will be fought and the nationwide Euro-elections held.

Nonetheless, the latest MORI poll, putting the Liberal Democrats on 20 per cent, their highest rating for nearly six years, shows that we still have a two-and-a-half party system. That still leaves the decade-old pattern of a divided opposition with Labour strong in some areas and the Liberal Democrats in others. The question will remain, as posed by Robin Cook: can Labour any longer win an overall majority on its own?

Crucial to resolving that will be whether Labour can remove the obstacles to people voting for it. So far, Mr Smith has made the right comments, but has achieved little. His initial target of reforming the party's internal structure by the time of this October's party conference is now in serious danger. Mr Smith has consistently advocated selection and re-selection of parliamentary candidates on a one-member, one-vote basis (generally known as omov) and the election of the party leaders by party members and MPs. However, omov in the choice of candidates has been rejected by several big unions, including last week Usdaw, the shopworkers. Possible compromises, including a register of union members paying the political levy, could not be in place in time for selections starting this autumn.

Currently, the talk is about probable defeat. However, close allies of Mr Smith believe that in the end union leaders will not be prepared to humiliate him on an issue which he emphasised during his leadership campaign. Labour, after all, has a long history of fudging and prevaricating. Mr Smith has been urged to raise the stakes and put pressure more publicly on the unions. Where else, for example, can John Edmonds of the GMB general union turn? The record of the GMB in contributing to Labour's internal disasters of the 1970s and 1980s does not inspire confidence. The risks are high on an issue of huge symbolic importance. Defeat would underscore the party's dependence on the unions which remains electorally damaging for Labour.

On policy, Mr Smith and his allies have achieved more than they are usually given credit. There may be a vacuum in key areas, such as taxation and public spending, awaiting the report of the commission on social justice, but at least past commitments have been dropped. An attempt by some left-wing MPs to commit Labour to a big expansionary programme, in face of the caution of the leadership at a time when recovery is clearly under way, has been rejected by a large number of MPs even within the Tribune group.

The modernisers are still making the running in the papers on the economy, Europe and constitutional reform prepared for the first meeting this weekend of the party's national policy forum. The constitutional paper, drafted by Tony Blair, puts Labour in the forefront of the debate about the way Britain is governed. The economic paper, produced by Gordon Brown, emphasises long-term structural weaknesses in the British economy. It contains carefully worded compromises on issues such as full employment, but there is a clear shift away from the corporatism and belief in subsidies of the 1970s — even though there was a greater emphasis on interventionism in Robin Cook's recent discussion paper on industry. Several arguments still have to be resolved.

An immediate focus will be the imminent report of the Plant commission on electoral reform. While few are enthusiastic about its suggested move to a supplementary vote, in which electors state their preferences, the enquiry's rejection of the first-past-the-post system has opened up a wider debate. Mr Smith and the national executive would be foolish to shut off that discussion.

For all this activity, the doubt remains whether Labour has yet come to terms within its defeat a year ago. The government's fiascos and setbacks of the autumn and winter have reinforced the "one more heave" tendency. This Thursday's elections, and the row over omov, should end any such complacency and reopen the question of co-operation with the Liberal Democrats. Talk of electoral pacts or deals is premature, but Labour can no longer refuse to discuss the possibility that it may not win on its own, just as the Liberal Democrats have to recognise Labour as the dominant partner. Mr Smith has more to worry about than either of the other party leaders.

Royal purple

THE QUEEN may have won popular approval for throwing open the gates of Buckingham Palace, but there is trouble just around the corner. Next month a harshly critical book will fan the flames of the royal debate like no other publication since Andrew Morton's *Diana: Her True Story*.

The Prince of Wales's biographer, Anthony Holden, has put pen to paper in a volume called *The Tarnished Crown*. A taste of what may be to come is contained in advance publicity which has reached the Diary: "The monarchy's morals are compromised," it kicks off. "Its disproportionate wealth is under fire. The future King is seriously discredited. The Princess of Wales is opening up a rival court: a 'dirty tricks' department is bugging its telephones. And in the midst of the deepest recession since the 1930s, the costs of keeping the royal family in style provoke anger and outrage ... How can the monarchy survive?"

Holden, a member of the royal rat pack who has been described as the thinking man's rat, proffers dark warnings with his dissection of four failed royal marriages. "The omens for the future of the monarchy are not good," he writes.

Ursula Mackenzie of Bantam Press, Holden's publisher, says of the book: "It suggests the institution of monarchy has not changed enough; it will be very controversial and I think everyone will be surprised that he is quite so critical."

Holden offers one chapter on Prince Charles, "the absentee husband in love with another woman"; and another on Princess Diana, "the wronged innocent plotting her revenge". It sounds remarkably familiar. But Mr Morton, we are assured, had no hand in this tale of woe.

Gavel and tongs

SOTHEBY'S and Christie's are at each other's throats again. This time the contest is not over a Titian but over the auction houses' annual rugby match. At this week's match Sotheby's won 8-0; Christie's is crying foul.

David Gregory, Christie's administration director and team captain, alleges that Sotheby's second row were both building contractors, not Sotheby's men at all. "I suppose it's better than the second match we played with Sotheby's, when they fielded four ineligible players," he says.

Sotheby's pleads guilty. Andrew Sessions, a Sotheby's sales clerk and the team's fullback, says: "There may be a small sliver of truth in it, but it was one second row and one flanker. As far as we were concerned they counted as Sotheby's staff. It sounds like the cry of defeat to me."



DIARY

Tug of love

A SPORTING edge has developed in Newbury, where the townsfolk take to their by-election booths to vote this Thursday. Julian Davidson, the corpulent Conservative candidate, has attracted the attention of selectors for the Commons tug-of-war team. They want him as anchorman for their annual contest against the Lords next month.

The Davidson camp may have received a setback with yesterday's NOP poll showing the Tories trailing by 16 per cent. But a supremely fit Sir James Spicer, Tory MP for Dorset West and manager of the Commons tugging team, is still confident. "Davidson will win and we'll try to get him into the Commons gym as soon as we can," he says.

The Newbury giant will have to shed a stone or two before the contest, adds Spicer. "I would be doing him a favour at the moment if I said he was 15 stone." Sporting heavyweights appear to be desperately short supply: Spicer's team has been outtugged in all six previous encounters with the Lords.

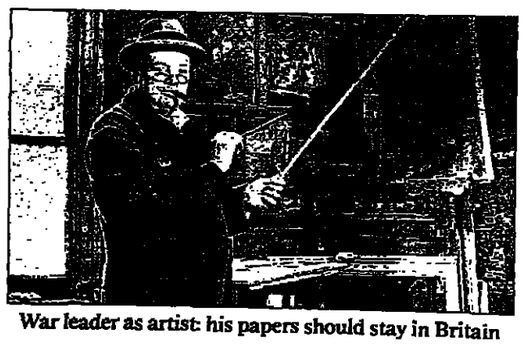
Taking refuge

JOHN McCARTHY has returned to broadcasting, albeit briefly. Drawing on his ghastly experiences as a hostage, he will appear on a radio commercial to save homes for battered wives. He will narrate an advertisement for Refuge, the charity set up in the 1970s by Erin Pizzey. It needs more than £40,000 to keep its four refuges open.

The commercial compares the fate of a woman called Mary with McCarthy's own experience. "Like John she was a prisoner for five years," says McCarthy on the advertisement. "Like John she was beaten repeatedly. Like John she was subjected to mental torture. But while the thought of home kept John going, it was that thought which came to terrify Mary. Because Mary's captor was her husband."

The broadcast will be aired in coming weeks on radio stations. Could the voice-over be the beginning of a new career for McCarthy?

● *More brickbats for Group 4, the private security firm with a habit of letting prisoners slip through its fingers. In his attempt to remove a clause from Labour's constitution committing the party to extensive nationalisation, the shadow environment secretary, Jack Straw, was offered salient advice by Adam Ingram, Labour MP for East Kilbride. "There is only one way to lose that clause," he said "Employ Group 4."*



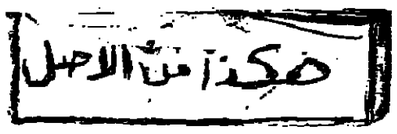
War leader as artist: his papers should stay in Britain

Churchill saved for the nation

THE nation's historians can relax. Sir Winston Churchill's Chartwell papers will almost certainly not be going abroad. The private papers, which belong to a Churchill family trust and include correspondence up to 1945, have been for sale unofficially since last December, but are now likely to be bought by the government and remain at the archive centre in Churchill College, Cambridge.

Negotiations between the trust, the college and the Department of National Heritage are going well. "The most likely possibility is that the papers will stay in the country," says Georgina Nayler, of the National Memorial Heritage Fund.

It would be a coup for the heritage lobby to secure the papers. "There are some very rich Churchillophiles in the world — the Sultan of Brunei for example," says John Charmley, whose biography of Churchill was published this year. "If the papers went to auction, who knows what they would fetch?" More, certainly, than the government's deficit would allow.



GLIMMER IN A DARK SKY

The Serbs will honour this accord only if they have no choice

At moments of diplomatic success after months of frustration, a certain degree of hyperbole is to be expected from the diplomats involved and should be discounted accordingly. The signature of the outstanding segments of the Vance-Owen plan extracted in Vouliagmeni yesterday from the Bosnian Serbs' leader, Radovan Karadzic, certainly does not mean "the final achievement of peace in Bosnia", as the Greek prime minister would have it. Nor does it mean, as Lord Owen suggested, that it is yet time to set aside military options and "talk of peace and not of war".

Yesterday's deal is good news because without Dr Karadzic's signature, the plan was doomed. But hard proof is required that he is in good faith this time, and none was forthcoming yesterday. His assent is contingent on endorsement, next Wednesday, by the "assembly of the Republic of Srpska" — a "state" carved out at gunpoint by the Bosnian Serbs. Under the Vance-Owen provisions, this state does not exist but Dr Karadzic says that it "is neither dead nor buried, only postponed". The suspicion must be that neither he nor the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, expects to withdraw in fact from the lands assigned to, and formerly mainly populated by, Muslims or to accept the reality of Bosnia-Herzegovina, which they have mocked as a "phantom state".

Anxious as they will be to put the brightest interpretation on this development, governments must therefore sustain the pressure they have only just started to exert with any appearance of conviction. The precarious diplomatic momentum towards peace must be maintained, above all since every day lost before the plan is implemented is now likely to lead to intensified fighting, in a fierce last-minute scramble for territory. Past experience teaches that peace will exist only on paper unless the West and its allies are prepared to enforce it.

Where governments should therefore heed Lord Owen most closely is in meeting his demand for a prompt Security Council resolution authorising the assembly and deployment of a UN force, of at least 50,000 men, to implement the plan. Nato's operational plans for policing the peace are conceptually far advanced, but firm commitments of troops have yet to be made by the British, American and other governments capable of providing the disciplined, trained forces which will be needed. When Nato asks, they must respond without prevarication. That could be very soon, and there is little evidence that governments are ready.

Full Nato deployment must be organised in weeks, not months — a requirement that will increase costs and be met only if the politicians insist. UN troops already in Bosnia-Herzegovina could meantime be rapidly reinforced and suitably armed to start to implement the plan's tight schedule of demobilisation and demilitarisation of the republic, beginning with the withdrawal of heavy weapons and the lifting of the sieges of Sarajevo and other centres. But the plan will have failed if refugees do not feel safe to go home. Yesterday's concession to the Serbs that withdrawing troops will be replaced by UN forces rather than those to whom territory is assigned under the Vance-Owen maps must not lead to a repeat of the farce in Croatia, where Serbs have remained in control and even continued "ethnic cleansing" with reluctant UN logistical support. This puts a premium on early deployment of ample forces, properly equipped.

Warren Christopher, the American secretary of state, is right to demand that the Bosnian Serbs stop shelling Muslim towns and villages and blocking the flow of humanitarian aid immediately, if they want to avert the threat of international military action. That is unlikely to happen unless Mr Milosevic and the rump Yugoslavia's federal army cut off their supplies. They will do so only if sanctions are maintained, if they are convinced that formal assent alone cuts no ice with America, Russia or the Europeans, and if military intervention remains a credible prospect. The American mission in Russia and Europe this week has as yet no reason to rewrite its battle plan.

THE STUFF OF DEMOCRACY

Press freedom is an inalienable function of civil society

William Randolph Hearst's dictum that news is "something somebody doesn't want you to print" may not be a complete theory of news; but the attention it draws to the continuing evils of censorship gives it continuing resonance. International Press Freedom Day, marked today worldwide, matters to us all. The simple truth that the flow of information and comment provided by a free press is essential to any civil society needs vigorous defence, from Sarajevo to Bogotá, Khartoum and Peking — and, indeed, closer to home in London.

Four years after Europe broke free of communism, there is more journalistic freedom in the world than many would have dared hope a decade ago. Liberalisation of the press in Latin America helped to force a corrupt Brazilian president from office last year. On Friday, the government of Singapore lifted its restrictions on the *Asian Wall Street Journal*. But there is still far less press liberty than optimists imagine, and democracy needs. Not all of the world's censors were toppled in 1989; tyrants continue to block or slow the currents of public debate. In Africa, the struggles of an impecunious and persecuted press both echo and support the renewed efforts of ordinary people to render their governing élites accountable.

At least 49 journalists were killed or disappeared last year; nearly 100 were held prisoner, a third of them in China. Europe and the former Soviet Union replaced Latin America as the most dangerous region for journalists. The Balkan War has already claimed the lives of 30 journalists, nine of them last year. Some were accidentally caught in the crossfire; but others were murdered because of their profession.

In Europe, the end of the Cold War may have deprived the cause of its most catching slogans; but if the horrors of the Gulag lie in the past, the skills and traditions of a truly independent press in Eastern Europe still require careful nurturing. In Britain, the debate on press liberty has has taken an ominous turn: in the discussion of privacy and tabloid excess, the existence of a free British press is being taken for granted and its virtues forgotten.

This is why the simple principles adopted by the World Press Freedom Committee and the International Press Institute six years ago in their charter for a free press must be constantly reaffirmed by newspapers, diplomats and politicians. It is as true today as it was in the communist era that "the unfettered flow of news and information, both within and across national borders, deserves the support of all those pledged to advance and protect democratic institutions". Most commendably, the charter does not seek to set apart an ill-defined caste of "journalists" from the rest: it acknowledges that "a free press means a free people" and that the law must apply evenly to all.

Simple messages require simple structures to promulgate them; there are far too many human rights groups competing for limited funds. The creation last year of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange as an umbrella for anti-censorship organisations such as *Index on Censorship*, the Committee to Protect Journalists and Article 19 was a step towards a global platform from which to increase pressure on the censors. It is right that press freedom should be marked today; but it must be defended just as fiercely on other every day of the year.

BANKING UP TROUBLE

Small businesses are being unfairly penalised by banks

Every household pondering the glad official tidings that the recession is over this weekend knows of a local small business that has recently shut down. Even the healthiest small business has found recession a testing time. Those that have survived have had enough difficulty coping with reduced demand without having to suffer the additional burden of increased costs. Yet a report due out this week from Hunter Clark Associates suggests that banks are passing on a disproportionate share of their recessionary troubles to small businesses in the form of higher charges.

The Bank Report finds that while some large companies have negotiated cheque clearance charges of as little as 3p per cheque, some small businesses have been charged as much as £1.05 for the same service. Big companies with established records and high credit ratings can take advantage of competition between banks. Small businesses have less leverage. Many of them run overdrafts, either continuously or intermittently. They may have little in the way of capital assets to offer as security against loans. And they are dependent upon the goodwill of local bank managers.

The banks are suffering heavily from bad debts caused by imprudent lending in the 1980s. To recoup these losses, they have both increased charges and reined in loans. The banks' determination to reduce their lending exposure has hit the small business sector harder than any other. Personal customers are relatively unaffected since most do not now want to take on debt. Large companies can easily do so in the capital markets. Small businesses, though, are uncomfortably dependent upon bank loans and overdrafts, borrowings that may need to rise to take advantage of an upturn.

Local managers are being forced by their head offices to demand more security for small business loans and often to impose ceilings on overdrafts where none existed before. In this way a profitable company which has an uneven cash flow can find itself unable to pay creditors because it has run up against its overdraft limit. Some sound companies can thereby be forced into receivership — adding to a bank's list of bad debts.

Yet small business growth should be leading Britain out of recession and creating many of the jobs needed to reduce unemployment. It is in the national interest that this should happen. Bank shareholders are not required to consider the interests of the nation. The Bank of England, however, is; and its word carries weight. Bank chairmen should be advised that their actions may be holding back recovery. They should start taking a longer view of the prospects of their small business customers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Issue of intent in dangerous driving

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, The home secretary should think again about his proposal (report, April 29) to increase to ten years the maximum penalty for the offence at present known as causing death by dangerous driving. His proposal is unnecessary.

The kind of driving which would justify a sentence of ten years, or any long term of imprisonment, would have to manifest a degree of recklessness. If it did, a charge of manslaughter would be appropriate; and on conviction the offender could be sentenced for any term up to life imprisonment.

If there were no element of recklessness, merely negligence, does justice require a long term of imprisonment? What of the case of the experienced driver of good character who kills someone as a result of momentary inattention or misjudgment? Or of the young or elderly driver who does so whilst doing his or her incompetent best? Dangerous driving does not require a guilty mind. In my experience these are the cases which most frequently come before the courts.

Young men who kill someone whilst driving at speed on the wrong side of the road round a blind corner, or whilst racing with one another, should be charged with manslaughter, not with causing death by dangerous driving.

For about five years after the creation of the offence of causing death by dangerous driving in 1957 judges did impose custodial sentences of between six and 18 months on those who were convicted; but few were when the evidence showed nothing more than momentary negligence.

When in the early 1960s the judges stopped imposing custodial sentences in cases of this kind, which they did following a public outcry after a sentence of six months' imprisonment was imposed on a middle-aged learner driver who had panicked when confronted with a minor street emergency, it became easier for the prosecution to obtain convictions. Justice was sought to be done by means of fines and long periods of disqualification.

What benefit does the home secretary think will come to the public from sending the merely negligent or incompetent to prison? Will the prospect of a prison sentence make experienced drivers more attentive or improve their judgments? Or persuade the incompetent to give up driving?

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village, Skelton, York.
April 29.

Stonehenge in sight

From Mr S. J. McKay

Sir, Mr Paine's letter (April 26), deploring the loss of the view of Stonehenge from the A303, struck a chord.

Long-distance car journeys seem more and more to be nothing but an endless succession of grassy cutting banks and concrete bridges; towns and villages that were once comforting waymarks are reduced to names flashing by on enormous road signs.

Am I the only driver who sometimes diverts from bypasses, thereby gaining the feeling that I am actually getting somewhere?

Yours faithfully,
S. J. McKAY,
34 Mulberry Road,
Bilton, Rugby, Warwickshire.
April 27.

High and low notes

From the Chairman of the Donizetti Society

Sir, What good news it is to read (Arts review, April 23) that Donizetti has friends at Covent Garden, especially when so little effort is made to stage his operas as he intended. If *Tristan und Isolde* had been given in an Italian translation there would have been some murmurs of dissent, I feel, dissent compounded by a roster of singers falling sadly short of the composer's demands.

Happily this was not the case for *Wagner, but surely Donizetti and his La Favorite* (which remains unperformed at Covent Garden as he wrote it, and whose original vocal score was prepared by Richard Wagner), dependent for its impact on grandiose settings, huge voices, and that species of erotic religiosity which was a French *grand-opéra* preserve, is worthy of equal respect?

Its French language and ballet (now almost completely cut) were the factors to which it owed its early success, and no other version was ever authorised by Donizetti.

Modern operatic audiences have a surer understanding of the parameters of the art than ever before (as falling numbers at the Coliseum readily bear witness).

Where the operatic stakes are concerned at Covent Garden, this favourite (by Welsh National Opera out of the Peter Moores Foundation) had three legs only and was running in the wrong direction.

Yours,
ALEXANDER WEATHERSON
Chairman, Donizetti Society,
11 Buckland Crescent,
Hampstead, NW3.
April 23.

St Ethelburga's, past and future

From the Chairman of the City of London Club

Sir, The City of London Club is a mere youngster compared to St Ethelburga-the-Virgin but it is one of the few remaining buildings over 150 years old within the area affected by the IRA bomb on Saturday, April 24.

At its meeting today to discuss the damage which we have incurred my committee instructed me to write to you in support of the plea that you make in your leader (April 27) that everything must be done to restore the smallest City church from the rubble.

I cannot commit the funds of my members collectively to any fund that might be established for the restoration but I do assure you that we will do everything we can to encourage members individually to do so towards, in your words, the spiritual and architectural heritage of their workplace.

Yours faithfully,
BILLY CARBUTT,
Chairman,
City of London Club.
19 Old Broad Street, EC2.
April 27.

From Mr Hans Feibusch

Sir, It may interest some of your readers that St Ethelburga's contained three mural paintings of mine, a large Crucifixion ivory, and two side panels, executed in 1962.

I still hold sketches and photographs of this work, and if it is decided to rebuild the church they might be of use to planners and architects.

I am, yours faithfully,
HANS FEIBUSCH,
30 Wadham Gardens,
Hampstead, NW3.
April 28.

From Miss Margaret Eliot

Sir, During the 1950s I bought from the Army and Navy Stores and installed the first postwar generation of goldfish in St Ethelburga's fountain, and am very happy to hear that their successors survive (report, April 29).

Yours etc,
MARGARET ELIOT,
17 Gough Square, EC4.
April 29.

From Miss S. N. Brown

Sir, St Ethelburga's had a memorable period of influence in the years between the wars under its rector, the Reverend W. F. Geikie-Cobb, DD (1857-1941), a great scholar and a man of deep spiritual insight. He bridged the doctrinal divide in the Church of England by having, as he put it, "a high-church altar and a low-church pulpit".

His sermons drew a congregation on Sundays from a wide area of London. I used to cycle from Chelsea. Dr Geikie-Cobb's teaching and his personal influence contributed to the rich tradition of St Ethelburga's history.

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA BROWN,
7 Jacob's Yard, Middle Barton,
Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.
April 27.

From the Vicar of Linslade

Sir, Your Literary Editor errs in stating ("St Ethelburga's must rise again", April 27) that the process of demolition of City churches began in 1871. The year was 1781, when a local act of Parliament made possible the removal of St Christopher-le-Stocks, a Wren church. Other local acts led to the destruction of four more churches between 1831 and 1869.

Under the Union of Benefices Act, 1860, 23 more churches were removed between 1868 and 1939. Not all made way for offices. Some were removed for road improvements, but money raised from the sale of sites of these redundant churches had to fund new churches, schools and parsonages in more populous parts of London.

I remain, yours truly,
MICHAEL PEEL,
Linslade Vicarage,
Vicarage Road, Linslade,
Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.
April 27.

From Miss Perminder Dhillon

Sir, St Ethelburga's humble place among the glittering towers of financial power was a constant reminder to us all of God's presence in a world which is increasingly squeezing Him out. St Ethelburga poignantly spoke to us of our spiritual sickness and remained unintimidated by its neighbours.

The church is a witness to the living God; so too was St Ethelburga in her time. Let us rebuild this symbol of her faith not only in stone but in our hearts.

Yours faithfully,
PERMINDER DHILLON,
13 Pembridge Gardens, W2.
April 29.

Church numbers

From the Secretary-General of the General Synod of the Church of England

Sir, It is a pity that Simon Hughes's article, "Why Gummer got it wrong" (April 29), was spoiled by his apparently unquestioning acceptance of John Gummer's claim that the Church of England is now numerically weaker than the Roman Catholic Church.

Church statistics are as notoriously difficult to compare and interpret as government statistics. They are also just as open to selective quotation by ministers seeking to bolster a particular case.

The only broadly comparable figures available on Church membership are provided by Marc Europe, an independent organisation. This gives a figure for 1990 of 1.28 million for the Roman Catholic Church in England (based on attendances at Mass).

In the same year the Church of England's own usual Sunday attendance figure was 1.14 million. But Marc Europe quoted the total membership of the Church of England in that year at 1.54 million (based on electoral roll figures).

Figures for baptisms and marriages in the two churches may also be relevant. In 1990 the number of baptisms in the Church of England of infants under one year old was 184,100. The number of Roman Catholic baptisms under the age of seven was 69,364 (this figure includes Wales and the children of members of HM forces). From the registrar general's statistics for 1990 the number of marriages was respectively 109,360 and 21,504.

In short, Mr Gummer's assertion does not stand up under any balanced scrutiny.

Mr Hughes suggested that poor attendance in Church of England churches may arise from the unrepresentative leadership of that Church. I am not clear on what he based this assertion.

The three senior figures in the Church of England hierarchy — the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London — between them reflect, for example, the different strands in the Church. It is arguable that there is more of the smack of representativeness in the government of the Church than there is in that of the nation.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP MAWER,
Secretary-General,
The General Synod of
the Church of England,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1.

'Observer' record

From the Editor of The Observer

Sir, One of the petty irritations of our recent situation at *The Observer* has been having to suffer the patronising, ill-informed (and often contradictory) comments of other journalists.

On page 5 of *The Times* on April 30, for example, we are accused of lacking firm ideas; on page 16 we are accused by Janet Daley of "moral certainty" and of preaching "the indissoluble body of coherent left-wing thought".

I don't know what Mrs Daley has been doing since the 1960s, but she can't have been reading *The Observer* very carefully if she thinks it has given unquestioning support to causes like sexual liberation, progressive education and the trade unions. It is an insult to brand with "the Marxist fallacy" a newspaper that built up a powerful *anti*-communist tradition through writers like Arthur Koestler, George Orwell and Edward Crankshaw.

Mrs Daley's fallacy, shared with other analysts, is to trace *The Observer's problems* to the fact that she doesn't like it. Yet *The Observer*, at 533,000 copies a week (the latest audited six-monthly figure), has more readers than *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Independent*, *Independent on Sunday* and *Financial Times*. Only in Britain could a quality newspaper selling half a million copies be described as a failure.

Why seek subjective answers when there are plain objective reasons for our situation? One is that we have stood alone on a Sunday, unsupported by a daily paper, which has meant that we have had to cover seven days' costs out of one day's revenue.

We managed this, in fact, in most years until the recession — and until the *Independent on Sunday* modelled itself on *The Observer* and set out to poach our staff and our readers. One of the gratifying aspects of our new arrangement with *The Guardian* is that, instead of destroying us as he intended, Mr Andreas Whittam Smith may now be rueing the fact that he ever tried.

Throughout the 1980s *The Observer* offered the most consistent intellectual critique in the British press of Thatcherite economics, which — for all Mrs Daley's "new right triumphalism" — has been shown to be the cause of all the country's present ills.

But then, as Iain Macleod once said to David Astor about *The Observer's* brave stand at Suez: "A newspaper can be wrong by being right too soon."

Yours faithfully,
DONALD TRELFORD,
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April 30.

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Disturbed resting places in Venice

From Mr David N. James

Sir, During a recent visit to Venice I was concerned to find that, seemingly during the winter months, the authorities there have encroached on a large part of the section of the San Michele cemetery reserved for Protestant and Orthodox foreigners along the eastern wall.

This haven of peace, overgrown tombs and basking lizards has long provided a fascinating record of those expatriates, mostly British, who died in Venice during the later years of the 19th century.

The centre of this small rectangular area, some 90ft by 75ft all told, has been cleared of most of the old graves and a row of very recent tombs has begun to take their place. Fortunately the bordering graves of Igor and Vera Stravinsky, Diaghilev and the last Queen of the Hellenes still remain untouched; but, one wonders, for just how long?

Space pressures upon the burial island of San Michele have long since meant that the time of rest there was limited by the authorities to only about 12 years before consignment of the remains to a mausoleum elsewhere.

Even so, one assumed that, apart from considerations of historical interest, those wandering visitors who had found their final rest in Venice before this practice was established would have been allowed to remain in undisturbed peace.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID JAMES,
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April 30.

Road threat to Bath

From Mr Michael Briggs

Sir, The World Heritage City of Bath lies in an amphitheatre of hills which forms an essential backdrop to its celebrated streets and crescents. It has now been decided to go ahead with the construction of a dual-carriageway road through this lovely area.

The scheme, which will impose on the Avon valley a multi-level interchange, plus a six-lane viaduct of concrete slabs on cylindrical columns, will inflict upon the eastern side of the city a wound which can never heal.

The need to relieve congestion on the eastern side of Bath is widely recognised. However, a single-carriageway bypass for Batheaston would carry as much traffic as Bath could absorb and be more in scale with the landscape. It would provide for a more imaginative and less brutal design of viaduct and dispose of an unsightly interchange.

The Secretary of State for Transport has claimed that future road schemes will take more account of the environment.

There can be no doubt that this restraint should apply to the present scheme.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BRIGGS
(Chairman),
Bath Preservation Trust,
1 Royal Crescent, Bath, Avon.
April 30.

Sir Ian at the ministry

From Sir Henry Hardman

Sir, Your obituary of Sir Ian Jacob (April 26) records his reluctance after retiring from the BBC to comment on its activities. But it overlooks his subsequent signal contribution to national as distinct from local affairs on other issues.

In 1963 his advice was sought by ministers on the reorganisation of military resources. Macmillan as prime minister had charged Thorneycroft, his minister of defence, with the task: he received much encouragement from Mountbatten as Chief of the Defence Staff but less from his Chiefs of Staff colleagues. As a way out of the conflict, Macmillan invited Jacob with "Pug" Ismay to offer proposals for consideration by the cabinet.

In a few weeks — for, as you say, Jacob was a quick as well as a reliable worker — he produced a report outlining three options but coming down in favour of proposals for unifying the three service departments in the Ministry of Defence. These proposals, which included the housing of the combined ministry in a single building, were implemented by 1964 before the change of government.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY HARDMAN,
9 Sussex Square,
Brighton, East Sussex.
April 26.

Price of knowledge

From Mr Richard Wilkins

Sir, If, as Dr Vaughan Smith says in his letter of April 30, the market rate for a good education is £6,000 per child per year, perhaps we should enquire why the average spent on each child in a state school is only a third of this sum.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WILKINS
(General Secretary),
Association of Christian Teachers,
2 Romeland Hill,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
May 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 2: By command of The Queen, the Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) was present at Glasgow Airport this morning upon the departure of The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

May 1: The Duke of York, Patron, this evening attended the Spring Dinner, the Royal Liverpoool Golf Club, Meols Drive, Hoylake, Liverpool.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr James Brown, soul singer, 60; Miss Pat Chapman, editor, *News of the World*, 45; Mrs Cathy Cook, athlete, 33; Mr Henry Cooper, boxer, 59; Sir Graham Day, former chairman, British Aerospace, 60; Mr Ben Elton, author and comedian, 34; Sir Russell Fairgrieve, former MP, 69; Sir William Glock, music lecturer and critic, 85; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, 61; Sir William Gray, former Lord Provost of Glasgow, 65; Dr David Harrison, vice-chancellor, Exeter University, 63; Professor Ruth Lister, former director, Child Poverty Action Group, 44; Colonel M.W. McCorkell, Lord-Lieutenant of County Londonderry, 68; Miss Sheila McKechnie, director, Shelter, 45; Mr Randle Manwaring, poet, 81; Mr Peter Oosterhuis, golfer, 44; Professor Anne Robertson, Roman numismatist, 83; Viscount St Vincent, 88; Baroness Seccombe, 63; Dr Norbert Singer, former vice-chancellor, Grenwich University, 62; Mr Norman Thelwell, illustrator and cartoonist, 70; Mr Alan Wells, athlete, 40.

University news

Oxford

Linacre College

Elections (from October 1, 1993)

To a Professorial Fellowship: David J Sherratt, Iveagh Professor of Microbiology.

To Junior Research Fellowships: Robert Henry Fielding Carver, Ian Michael O'Donnell, Annette Marianne Volfing.

To EPA Cephalosporin Junior Research Fellowships: Stephen Charles Hyde, Jonathan Swinton, Matthew John Andrew Wood.

To the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Junior Research Fellowship: Deborah Rebecca Gill

Hertfordshire

Professor Chris Otterwill, head of the university's Division of Biosciences has become Glaxo Professor of Biosciences.

Memorial service

Mr Charles Crawley

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Charles Crawley was held on Saturday at the Church of Great St Mary, Cambridge. The Rev Dr Charles Elliott, Dean of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, officiated. Sir John Lyons, master, and Dr Kareen Thorne, senior tutor, read the lessons. Dr Jonathan Steinberg, vice-master, gave an address.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, honorary Air Commodore, will visit RAF Valley, Anglesey, at 1.50.

Dinner

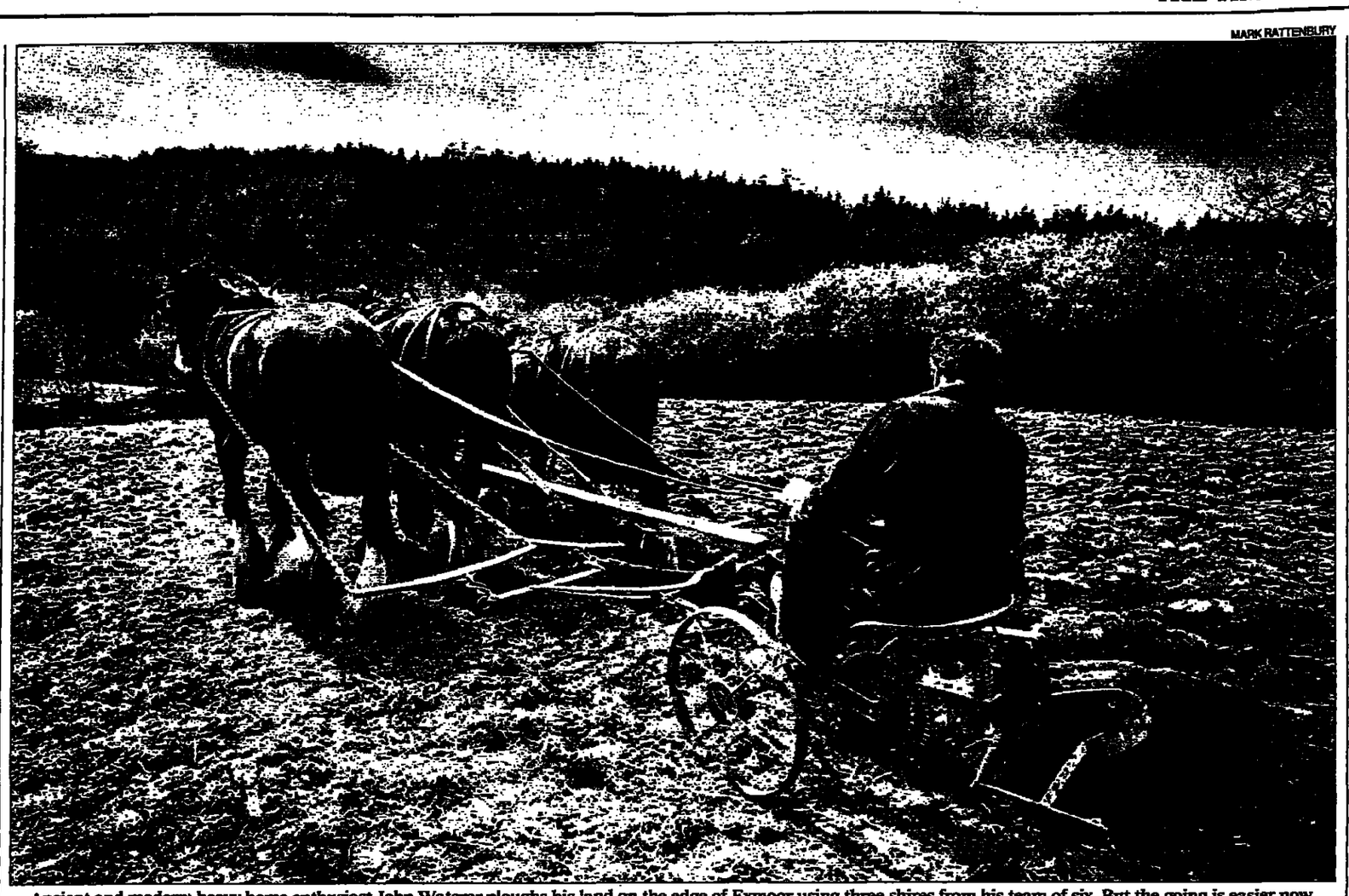
HM Government

Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, presided at a dinner held on Saturday in honour of the President of Portugal and Senhora Soares.

Service dinner

Women's Tansport Service

Mrs Anna Whitehead, Corps Commander, Women's Transport Service (FANY), presided at a mess dinner held last night at Longmoor Camp.



MARK RATTENBURY

Ancient and modern: heavy horse enthusiast John Waterer ploughs his land on the edge of Exmoor using three shires from his team of six. But the going is easier now thanks to a new plough he has imported from the Amish community in Pennsylvania, which makes lighter work of hilly land that was difficult to cultivate in the past

Latest wills

Henry Frederick **Thynne**, 6th Marquess of Bath, who died last June aged 87, left nearly £68 million net. He left settled land valued at £23.5 million to his son Alexander, the 7th and present marquess, of Longleat House, Warminster, Wiltshire. A further £44,383,772 net included his furniture, works of art and other effects which also went to the 7th marquess. The rest of his estate was bequeathed to his wife Lady Virginia, and his daughter, Silvy.

Sir Alfred John Digby **Winnifrith**, of Appledore, Kent, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food 1959-67, who became the first Director General of the National Trust in 1968, left estate valued at £225,148 net.

Mr Ernest Elwin **Sabben-Clare**, of Winchester, Hampshire, formerly of Cassington, Oxfordshire, formerly responsible for external relations at Oxford University, Headmaster of Leeds Grammar School 1963-70, and previously of Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury, left estate valued at £110,173 net.

He left £100 each to Leeds Grammar School, and Bramcote School, Scarborough for the school libraries.

Cynthia June **Taylor**, of Dibden, Hampshire, left estate valued at £581,798 net.

She left personal legacies totalling £151,000, £10,000 each to All Saints Church, Dibden, and All Saints Church, Whiteparish, Wiltshire, in each case for the up-keep of the churchyard, certain graves and other purposes, and the residue to the Salvation Army.

Mr Adrian Lewis Ross **Heath**, of London, W1, the abstract artist, left estate valued at £763,954 net.

Mr Trevor George **Bayliss**, of Bryncethin, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, left estate valued at £205,612 net.

He left personal legacies totalling £50,000 and the residue equally between the C2 Investigation Unit and the Cardiac Department, both of the University of Wales Hospital, Cardiff.

Florence Gertrude Patricia **Dottridge**, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,824,321 net.

She left £23,500 and her home and effects to personal legatees, £5,000 each to the Royal College of Surgeons and the British Association of Dermatologists, £1,000 to the Cheshire Home in or closest to Dublin, and half the residue to the Universal Hospice Trust, Beaconsfield, 1/4th of the residue to the Sue Ryder Foundation, and 1/4th of the residue for such charitable institutions or objects in England as her trustees select.

Archaeology

Warmer weather made life too hot for Neanderthals

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

MODERN humans first appeared in Europe more than 45,000 years ago, according to recent research. They then co-existed with Neanderthals for over ten millennia, controverting claims that the latter were wiped out by the advance of *Homo sapiens sapiens*.

The latest evidence has come from Professor Janusz Kozlowski's excavations at Temnata Cave in Bulgaria, which have produced thermoluminescence dates of over 45,000 years. Although these have large standard deviations, radiocarbon dates from Istallosko in Hungary of 44,330 years ago, and from Bacho Kiro, another Bulgarian site of more than 43,000 years ago, suggest that the Temnata dates are acceptable.

All of these sites have stone tools of the Aurignacian industry, a phenomenon of remarkable technical consistency found all the way from Israel to Spain, a distance of some 2,500 miles. The stone tools and their associated bone projectile points of distinctive type are always found, when human remains are present, with modern humans. Dates of around 40,000 years ago from Castillo and L'Arbreda, two caves in northeastern Spain, show how swiftly the use of Aurignacian tools spread across Europe. The earlier Neanderthal occupants made entirely different kinds of tools, from different raw materials and by different methods, Dr Paul Mellars says, although both subspecies of human seem to have occupied the same caves at different times, sometimes alternately at sites such as Cueva Morin in Spain.

There is also evidence that the Neanderthals learned more advanced toolmaking techniques from their new neighbours, during the period before the Neanderthals disappeared. Why and where they went remains a mystery, although Dr Ezra Zubrow has calculated that only a minor shift in relative birth and death rates would suffice to replace Neanderthals with modern humans over a period of less than a millennium.

Why modern humans, who first appeared in the Middle East around 100,000 years ago, moved north and west into Europe is also a problem. Dr Mellars suggests that a warmer climate which resulted in the expansion of temperate woodland into areas formerly occupied by tundra or steppe both allowed and encouraged *Homo sapiens sapiens* to expand their range.

Coupled with this was what he calls the "Upper Palaeolithic Revolution", a period of rapid technical and cultural innovation around 50,000-45,000 years ago in the Middle East, which equipped the pioneers for their new environment.

Lastly, and most contentious, Dr Mellars suggests that "the development of highly structured, fully syntactic language played some crucial role" — that the "software" ability to communicate complex ideas was as important as the "hardware" of new tools with which to exploit the European environment.

Source: *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*, Vol. 337: 225-234.

Nature notes

THE dawn chorus of birds is at its crescendo. The species that began singing earlier in the year are now all in full song. Millions of blackbirds start crooning on rooftops and in garden trees from five in the morning. Mistle thrushes hurl short snatches of song from high treetops, robins and wrens sing tirelessly from lower perches. Chaffinches run rapidly through their song, flutter into the air to catch a fly, and sing again the moment they return to their twig. Meanwhile new waves of migrants are flooding in across the Channel and singing as they set up territories in woods and hedgerows: last week saw the arrival of garden warblers and lesser whitethroats.



The lesser whitethroat

Flowers are now coming out in abundance. Creamy-white flowers with yellow centres are opening on the burnet rose bushes. At woodland edges there are glimmering blue spikes of bugle. By riversides, there are hanging flowerheads on the stout comfrey plants, some white, some electric purple.

The latest butterfly to appear is the orange-tip, a small white butterfly whose wing-ends look as if they have been dipped in brilliant orange paint. At present it can be seen producing dramatic colour effects by settling on dog violets.

DJM

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAIN: D J Brice - MOD London 24.09.93; A C Lyddon - MOD London 10.09.93; M D Macpherson - Staff of FOSM 30.07.93; K W J Morrison - MOD Bath 01.10.93; I R Pemberton - Promoted Cdre RNR 28.04.93; G D B Robinson - MOD London 10.09.93; A S L Smith - MOD (Central Staffs) 23.07.93.

ACTING CAPTAIN: J B Harvey - Nato USA 12.07.93.

COMMANDER: C J Bryning - RNAS Culdrose 22.10.93; P T Docherty - Nelson 07.12.93; J R Fanshaw - Devonport 24.09.93; P Jackson - MOD London 07.09.93; A S Lawrence - Heron 29.10.93; P W H Swan - Staff of CINCFLEET 06.08.93; J V Wright - Loan Oman 01.08.93.

CHAPLAIN: A T Maze - Exchange USA 23.08.93.

Retirements

CHAPLAIN OF THE FLEET: Ven M H G Henley CB - 10.05.93.

COMMODORE: A Morton - 07.07.93.

CAPTAIN: R N Paige - 07.07.93.

COMMANDER: M M S Brown - 05.07.93; H M J Plumtree - 27.06.93.

The Army

BRIGADIER: I A Johnstone - To be Comd HQ BR Forces Belize, 5.5.93; J E Neeve - To be Comd 2 Sig Bde, 6.5.93.

COLONEL: H B Hannah Late RAMC to Cambridge Mil Hosp; A S Mumford Late RADC to 3 Dent Gp; M M Slattery QARANC to HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: A J C Fisher RLC - To MOD, 6.5.93; J P Hoskinson RE - To RMCS, 4.5.93; G M Simmonds AGC (ETS) - To DGAGC, 4.5.93; N S Southward LD - To be Comdt Depot HK MSC, 4.5.93; C S K Anderson LG - To MOD, 4.5.93; P Woodward-Court RADC to 12 Dent GP; N M Young RADC to Washington.

Retirements

BRIGADIER: D T Kinnear Late RCT, 7.5.93.

COLONEL: D Verschoyle Late RE, 4.5.93; A A Ward Late RAOC, 4.5.93.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: J G Francis RAMC.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: M J Butler - to MOD (AFD) 30.4.93; R G Curry - To AA Bonn 1.5.93.

GROUP CAPTAIN: M J Remlinger - To SHAPE 30.4.93; H G Mackay - To MOD (AFD) 30.4.93; R H Beazley - To MOD(PE) 30.4.93.

WING COMMANDER: A N Mitchell - To RAF Odiham 26.4.93; P A Blackford - To RAF Coningsby 26.4.93; A McB Davis - To RAF Mount Pleasant 26.4.93; T C Hewlett - To RAF PMC 26.4.93.

Marriages

Mr D.J. Hodgson and Miss M.J. Collier

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, May 1, 1993, in Derbyshire, between Mr David Hodgson and Miss Mandy Collier.

Mr S.J. Marquis and Mrs N.J. Horner

The marriage took place on May 1, 1993, at St Luke's, Battersea, between Simon Marquis and Nicola Horner. The Rev John Russell officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Sophie and Clio Horner. Mr Michael Portillo was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's.

Mr D.L. Schild and Miss D.S. James

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 24, at St Paul's Cathedral, London, between Mr David Schild, younger son of Mr and Mrs Rolf Schild, and Miss Deborah James, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Rolph James. Canon Gervais Murphy officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Annabel Schild, Miss Teleri Rees-Evans, Miss Lisla Scopsi, Kathryn Lloyd and Rebecca Lloyd. Mr Michael Robinson was best man.

A reception was held at The Langham.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Conrad R Sargisson, formerly Vicar of Mylor w Flushing, now retired: to be Honorary Priest-in-Charge of St Hilary (Truro).

The Rev David Scrace, Priest-in-Charge Harnham St George & All Saints: to be also Rural Dean of Salisbury (Salisbury).

The Rev Robert A Scrivener, Team Vicar in the Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry (St Albans): to be Vicar, Kingston upon Hull St Nicholas (York).

The Rev Martin A Shallcross, Non-Stipendiary Minister, Tisbury Team Ministry (Salisbury): to be also a Non-Residentiary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Rev Alan Swanborough, non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, St Blasius, Shanklin, Isle of Wight & Chaplain, Upper Chine School, Shanklin: to be non-stipendiary Priest-in-Charge, St Blasius, Shanklin, whilst continuing as Chaplain, Upper Chine School, Shanklin (Portsmouth).

The Rev N Taylor, Vicar, St Francis, North Radford, Coventry: to be *also* Rural Dean of Coventry North (Coventry).

The Rev Martin C Warner, Team Vicar, Parish of the Resurrection, Leicester (Leicester): to be Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (Norwich).

The Rev Roger I S White, Priest-in-Charge St Anne Lydgate w Christ Church, Friezland: to be Vicar, St Anne Lydgate w Christ Church, Friezland — a newly created benefice (Manchester).

The Rev Paul Wright, Rector, St Paulinus, Crayford (Rochester): to be also Rural Dean of Erith.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Canon John Champion, *Rector, Fladbury w Wyre Piddle & Moor* (Worcester): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Roy Fellows, Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (Norwich): to retire as from June 10.

The Rev James Hall, Rector, High Oak (Morley, Wicklewood, Deopham, Hackford) (Norwich): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Canon Nigel Harley, Vicar of Eastleigh (Winchester): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev John Sumner, Vicar, All Saints Swallowfield (Oxford): to retire as from May 8.

Other appointments

Mr David Pain to be World Mission Officer, Diocese of Worcester.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Appointments at St Salvador's, Stenhouse, Edinburgh.

Sylvia Elizabeth MacKenzie and Geoffrey Robert Hart to be Lay Pastors under the supervision of the Rev David Rimmer, the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Margaret Hart has begun work as Lay Pastor and Diocesan Youth Organiser.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Monmouth

Collations

The Ven Keith Arthur Edwin Tyte, Archdeacon of Monmouth, to be Archdeacon of Newport.

The Rev Canon Peter Wilfred Woodman, Vicar of Caerwent, to be Archdeacon of Monmouth.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pedro de Mendoza, explorer, founder of Buenos Aires, Guadalajara, 1428; Niccolo Machiavelli, diplomat and writer, Florence, 1469; Emmanuel-Joseph Sieyes, statesman, Fréjus, 1748; August von Kotzebue, dramatist, Weimar, Germany, 1761; Edward Dowden, critic, Cork, 1843; Richard D'Oyly Carte, impresario, founder of the Savoy Theatre, London, and the Royal Opera House (now the Palace Theatre), London, 1844; Bernhard, Prince von Bülow, German Imperial Chancellor 1900-09, Klein-Flottbeck, 1849; François Coty, perfume manufacturer, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1874; Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel 1969-74, Kiev, 1898; Sugar Ray Robinson, boxer, Detroit, 1921.

DEATHS: James Morison, self-styled "The Hygeist", Paris, 1840; Thomas Hood, poet, London, 1845; Barry Sullivan, actor, Brighton, 1891.

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Taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are they who find refuge in him! Psalm 34 : 8

BIRTHS

BOWERS - On 1st November 1992, to Emma-Louise (née Ferguson) and Trevor, a son, Louis Alexander Montague.

CUMMINS - On 29th April 1993, in Perth, Western Australia, to Catherine (née Leche), wife of Noel Cummins - of a daughter.

TAYLOR-SMITH - On April 24th, to John and Janice, a son, Max Stewart.

MARRIAGES

BAKER-ABDIN - The marriage took place on 1st May 1993 at Miskin Manor, between Romana, daughter of Dr S.N. Abdin of Aberdare and Simon, son of Mr and Mrs T.A. Baker of Saltford.

DEATHS

BARNES - Edward James on Friday 30th April 1993, aged 85, peacefully in hospital. Reunited with his adored wife Alison (Sarah), beloved of Penny, David and their family and loved by so many. Requiem Mass at 6.30pm, Monday 10th May. Funeral Service at 1.30pm, on Tuesday 11th May both at St Saviours Church, Warwick Avenue, London W9. Family flowers only but donations welcome to The British Diabetic Association. One of nature's gentlemen.

BUCKMASTER - On April 27th peacefully at 357 Victoria Street Kingston Ontario Canada, Hilda. Aged 96, sister of Elizabeth, much loved and widely respected.

HENTY - On 24th April as a result of the bomb at Bishopsgate Richard Edward Jonathan beloved and everloving husband of Yasmina and father of Thomas and Alexandra, elder son of Jonathan and the late Louise, stepson of Veronica and brother of Rose, Charles, Josephine and Clemency. The funeral has already taken place but if desired donations to: Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond Street, WC1.

LONGE - On April 26th at home, Isla (née Bell) aged 80 years. Widow of Desmond, much loved mother of Alex and Simon, mother-in-law of June and grandmother of Charlie and Freddie. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Ditchingham, Norfolk, on Friday May 7th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired for The Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o Foulgers Funeral Service, Shotesham, Norwich NR18 1YL. (0508) 80242.

WILMSHURST - On April 29th, suddenly, amongst his family and many friends, Harold William (Bill), beloved husband of the late Evelthe (Eve) Vera, much loved father of Graham and his wife Sarah, devoted grandad of Fleur and Jonathan, loved, sadly missed and respected by his family and very many friends. Funeral Service private. A Memorial Service will be announced later. Flowers and enquiries to F.W. Chitty & Co., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge. Tel: 0932 842220, or donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Hairestone N.H., Hairestone Drive, Caterham, Surrey.

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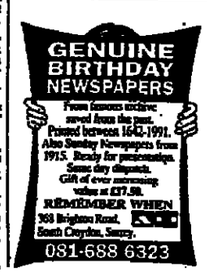
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OBITUARIES

PIERRE BEREGOVOY

Pierre Bérégovoy, last prime minister in the French Socialist government and long-time, devoted supporter of President François Mitterrand, committed suicide on May 1 aged 67. He was born in Deville-les-Rouen, Normandy, on December 23, 1925.



Bérégovoy with his political mentor, François Mitterrand

THE former French prime minister, Pierre Bérégovoy, who died from self-inflicted gunshot wounds during his transfer by helicopter from Nevers to the Val de Grace military hospital in Paris, was a largely self-educated man whose rise from humble origins to the heights of French politics was exceptional in a country that has drawn its leaders largely from the *grandes écoles*.

Friends said he had been deeply affected by both the Socialists' crushing defeat in the March general election and by personal attacks upon him stemming from the financial affairs, or scandals, marking the second, seven-year term of François Mitterrand, the man he had served loyally since the late 1960s.

Bérégovoy was a self-proclaimed "man of honour", a description echoed by many political allies and adversaries following his death. As someone who had promised to fight corruption in politics, he had been hurt by revelations that he had accepted an interest-free loan of one million francs from a businessman friend of the president.

Until his year as prime minister, Bérégovoy had lived all his political career in the shadow of Mitterrand. He was a principal architect of the growth of the French Socialist party during the 1970s and was rewarded with senior ministerial posts in the 1980s after Mitterrand and the Socialists won power in 1981. After his appointment as minister of economy and finance, he liked to boast of his working-class background, heading his personal notepaper with the words "Former mechanic. Minister of Economy and Finance". This start in life, followed by a period as a railwayman and trade union leader, did not prevent him later from pursuing a policy of anti-inflationary rigour, and defence of a strong franc, which earned him respect at home and abroad.

Bérégovoy was the son of Ukrainian immigrants who had settled in Normandy after the Russian Revolution. His father, a former captain in the Tsar's army and a Menshevik social democrat, opened a *café-épicerie* at Elbeuf, near Rouen, but placed Bérégovoy at the age of five with his maternal grandmother.

He obtained the basic elementary school certificate and then the *certificat d'aptitude professionnel* as a metal worker from the local technical lycée. It was not much in the way of formal education for a man who later headed large teams of senior civil servants who had graduated from the *École Nationale d'Administration*, *Polytechnique* and other top schools.

After two years as a fitter and turner at the start of the second world war, Bérégovoy switched to the railways where, as a member of the railwaymens' Resistance network, he engaged in the re-routing of German military trains. During this period, he met Roland Leroy, another railwayman, who was to become one of the leaders of the French Communist party and with whom he negotiated in the 1970s the alliance with the Socialists which led to Communist participation in the first, post-1981 left-wing government.

Bérégovoy, whose ambition till then had been to become a station master, moved to a white-collar job with Gaz de France where he became a manager. By then, his main interest had become politics with the SFIO, the former French Socialist party, and trade unionism with the socialist Force Ouvriere. His early political mentor was the former premier, Pierre Mendès-France, with whom he worked closely. He was to recall later that Mendès-France had given him confidence and taught him the value of economic rigour.

Unlike many supporters of Mendès-France, Bérégovoy made an early transition to the new Socialist party of François Mitterrand who had emerged as the left wing's standard-bearer after forcing General de Gaulle into a run-off in the 1965 presidential elections. He occupied many positions within the Socialist party and Mitterrand, upon election in 1981, appointed him Secretary General of the Elysée Palace.

This was an important job as the ears and eyes of the new president. But Bérégovoy, faithful servant and confidant of Mitterrand for more than a decade, had hoped for a ministry. In the event, he had only to wait for a year before appointment as minister for social affairs. Two years later, he was named minister of economy and finance, the successor to Jacques Delors, with a superb office in the Louvre, the famous Louis XIV desk and France's brightest under his orders. He implemented the new austerity programme, a painful exercise after the expansionary, high-spending policies of the first years of Socialist government. Meanwhile, he had won a National Assembly seat at Nevers in the Nièvre department, the political fief of François Mitterrand.

Bérégovoy dispelled doubts about his ability to run the nation's finances and to represent France at international financial conferences. He returned to the ministry after the Socialists resumed power following the 1986-88 Conservative government of Jacques Chirac but he had to wait until April 2, 1992, before succeeding Edith Cresson, the first woman appointed to the post, as prime minister. It had been a long wait.

Bérégovoy pursued his policy of rigour during a period of decline in Socialist party fortunes. His name became linked with various affairs dating back to his days at the ministry of economy and finance.

There had been the insider training scandal following Pechiney's purchase of American Can. Roger-Patrice Pelat, the businessman friend of Mitterrand, was charged with benefiting from advance knowledge of the takeover. Pelat, who died shortly afterwards, was later revealed as the man who had loaned Bérégovoy the one million francs. Bérégovoy insisted there had been nothing untoward about the loan and that he had repaid it, partly in cash, partly in antique furniture and works of art. It struck many as an unsatisfactory explanation from someone not known as a collector. Also involved in the Pechiney affair was the Lebanese financier, Samir Traboulski, whom Bérégovoy had decorated with the legion d'honneur. In addition, Alain Boublil, the minister's chef de cabinet, was led to resign.

Later, Bérégovoy's name was linked with the attempt by a group of financiers to secure a key shareholding in the Société Générale bank, privatised by the Chirac government. Jean-Charles Naouri, Bérégovoy's chef de cabinet between 1984-86, was charged with irregularities. The loan affair surfaced when Bérégovoy was prime minister. Then confidential documents concerning his personal wealth were stolen, along with similar papers, from a safe at the National Assembly.

All this weighed heavily on Bérégovoy during a time of hectic campaigning across the country ahead of the March elections. In Nevers, where he was mayor, Beregovoy retained his seat narrowly after being forced into a run-off. He showed increasing signs of fatigue and nervous tension playing only a backstage role in the post-election manoeuvrings within the Socialist party which saw the emergence of Michel Rocard as general secretary.

Bérégovoy's popularity had declined in the past year or so. He was a squat man given to formal dress at all times, even when attending soccer matches or local cycling races. He was the butt of cartoonists for his "worker's socks". He lived modestly by French ministerial standards, arguing that the loan for his Paris apartment was only normal after 40 years in politics. Friends said he was embittered towards the end by the fact that telephone calls, including those to the Elysée Palace, had gone unanswered.

He is survived by his wife Gilberte, two daughters and a son.

JOHN TUZO WILSON

John Tuzo Wilson, Canadian geophysicist and pioneer of a theory of the Earth's structure died on April 15 in Toronto Centre, aged 84. He was born on October 24, 1908.



JOHN Tuzo Wilson spent a lifetime studying the science of the makeup of the Earth's crust, and teaching it — sometimes in the most unconventional ways — to generations of young Canadians.

As director-general of the Ontario Science Centre from 1974 to 1985, he had "Please Touch" signs posted on exhibits to encourage a feeling of personal involvement with the Earth's environment. Working models, lively demonstrations and travelling exhibitions emphasised the message that science could be enjoyable.

More conservative scientists denounced him variously as an eccentric, an egotist and a showman. But those who knew him emphasised other traits: his sense of adventure and a love affair with the Earth and its dynamics.

Born in Ottawa, Wilson was exposed to scientific pursuits at an early age. His mother, Henrietta Tuzo, was an explorer and mountaineer.

Before he was out of high school, Wilson had taken part in geological field expeditions into the Canadian wilderness. After leaving school he enrolled in the University of Toronto in 1926, graduating a few years later with a geophysics degree. Later he attended Cambridge and obtained a doctorate from Princeton in 1936.

His thesis on large-scale geological features in the western United States contained the seeds of his later work, which matured over many years, on plate tectonics: the theory that the Earth's crust is composed of a series of plates that float across a semi-molten core and produce continental drift.

Wilson enlisted in the Canadian Army at the outset of the second world war, becoming an engineering lieutenant, but switched to operational research work at national defence headquarters before the conflict was over.

In 1946 he returned to the University of Toronto as a geophysics professor, and soon after that became the head of an international team brought together to study earth sciences and the new theory of plate tectonics.

In 1967, Wilson became the founding principal of Erindale, a new college at the University of Toronto, and proceeded to put his own stamp on it as a modern institution of learning with a highly informal atmosphere.

He left Erindale in 1974 to take over the direction of the Ontario Science Centre. From 1983 to 1986, he was chancellor of Toronto's York University — while still holding down, for part of that time, his science centre job.

Among his many honours was the naming of a range of mountains in Antarctica after him, the Wilson range. He visited every continent at least once, and was the first to climb the 12,000-ft Mount Hague in Montana.

He is survived by his wife, Isabel, and two daughters.

RANASINGHE PREMADASA

Ranasinghe Premadasa, President of Sri Lanka since 1989, was assasssinated on May 1 aged 69. He was born in Colombo on June 24, 1923.

RAMASINGHE Premadasa was voted in as the second executive president of Sri Lanka, since independence, in 1988. He won on a dual ticket: a promise to rejuvenate the economy and to find a solution to the civil war that had been crippling the country for the last ten years. Given the enormity of the problems facing him, it can be claimed that he achieved a creditable amount of what he set out to do.

Premadasa was proud of his grass-roots support among the majority population of the Sinhalese, something he was keen to point out could not be said of his only serious political rival, the recently assassinated leader of the Opposition, Lalith Athulathmudali. But Premadasa's popularity among the farmers and his billing of himself as a man of the people, risen from humble origins, did not always impress the upper-caste politicians he was forced to deal with, particularly in New Delhi.

However to the outside world, he was the man who almost succeeded in stabilising the Sri Lankan situation. His firm handling from the outset of the Tamil separatist uprisings in the north and east, where Indian troops were sustaining heavy losses, and of the underground Sinhalese extremists, the JVP in the south, paid dividends.

Since the bloody clashes of the 1980s and early 1990s, peace had almost returned to the island. Only a few hundred JVP supporters still languished in prison camps, awaiting trial. Security forces, under the watchful eyes of human rights workers, became almost moderate in their methods (the number of "disappearances" had dropped radically) and the Tamils were gradually squeezed out of their footholds in the Eastern Province, where many Muslims and Sinhalese lived, while they still controlled the Northern Province.

Meanwhile Premadasa had made an effort to placate those Tamils living among the Sinhalese majority, in the centre and south of the island, and to reintegrate them into mainstream Sri Lankan society. The minority population was encouraged to speak its own language and courses were started for Tamil lawyers, civil servants and nurses.

But a permanent solution to calls for a separate state for Tamils in the north seemed as elusive as ever, and with presidential elections due to be held next year, the possibility of Premadasa being seen to bow to the Tamils, and allowing them an independent state in the near future, looked remote.

Premadasa had first opened up talks with the Tamils in 1989. Indian troops were asked to leave the island the following year: but, within months, the Tamils attacked police stations and Premadasa's peace initiative foundered.

The Tigers became steadily more extreme in the face of what looked like government intransigence and their tactics degenerated into an IRA-style terrorist campaign in the capital, Colombo. The new phenomenon of the "suicide bomber", one of whom assassinated the president and half his entourage on Saturday, was a worrying feature of their recent tactics.

Despite this, the island's new-found stability under Premadasa encouraged foreign investment and the re-emergence of tourism. Described as the "pearl of the orient," with its miles of white-sand beaches, coral reefs and temperate climate, Sri Lanka once again became a popular holiday destination, and a stop-off point for backpackers touring India. Foreign money began to trickle back into the country.

Meanwhile, the president's own solution to Sri Lanka's economic problems — which included lavish aid programmes with cash handouts to farmers — was a useful means of keeping the civil war question in abeyance. (Premadasa actively courted the rural section of the electorate and government ministers were forced to spend up to a week in remote areas, twice a year, to listen to the complaints of the people.)

In a nation dominated by the caste system, Premadosa's spectacular rise from the *Hinaya* or "washerman's" caste, to the leader of the National party, traditionally run by the elite *Govigama* caste, was unprecedented. He was born in Kehelwatte, a run-down area of Colombo, into a working-class family of the majority Sinhalese community and was educated



by Buddhist monks and later at St Joseph's College, the local Roman Catholic school. An ardent Buddhist, at the age of 15, he founded the Sucharitha movement to promote moral values.

He began his political life in the union movement. In 1949 he joined the Ceylon Labour movement and was elected as a member of the Colombo municipal council in 1950. By 1955, he had been elected deputy mayor of the capital city of the island. In the same year he published the first of six books he was to write.

In 1956 he joined the United National party. His first attempt to win a seat, fighting against the leader of the island's Trotskyite party, was predictably unsuccessful but in March 1960 he won a seat in Colombo, only to lose it four months later when fresh general elections were held. He was re-elected in 1965 and was appointed chief government whip of the ruling UNP. His political rise from then on seemed unstoppable. He was appointed deputy minister of local government and promoted to minister in 1968.

The UNP's defeat in the 1970 general election saw Premadasa joining forces, as chief opposition whip, with the party leader Junius Jayewardene. When Jayewardene was voted in as prime minister in 1977, Premadasa, was rewarded with the positions of Leader of the House and minister of local government, housing and construction. Housing became an obsession with him and he initiated the construction of low-cost houses with a target of one million new homes in ten years. To supplement government funds, he initiated a lottery to finance the projects.

Initially opposed to the controversial Indo-Lankan agreement of July 1987, which invited Indian troops on to Sri Lankan soil, Premadasa boycotted ceremonies in honour of the visiting Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi. Premadasa held that India's interference in the Tamil problem was the biggest single impediment to a political solution.

His later credibility as president was strained by the recollection of his actions during this period. The Opposition leader Lalith Athulathmudali accused the president of having, while prime minister, supplied the Tamils with arms to fight off the Indians, a charge which Premadasa did not directly deny.

He was eventually talked out of his anti-Indian stance by Jayewardene, who, some said, guaranteed Premadasa that he would be chosen as the UNP's presidential candidate for the 1988 elections in return for his support. In August of that year, Premadasa survived his first assassination attempt when a grenade intended for Jayewardene was thrown into the president's study, bouncing off his desk and injuring 15 people in the room. Premadasa suffered a knee injury.

His ambition was rewarded in 1988 when he won the presidential elections, vowing to put a stop to what he called the "politics of terror" in his country. This came after a bloody campaign waged by the JVP, which had indiscriminately killed politicians and voters during the elections. But Premadasa's seizing of the moral high ground came under closer scrutiny the following year: after invitations for talks with the government were spurned by the JVP, its leaders were tracked down by government troops and summarily executed.

The president's capacity for hard work was legendary. He survived, like Margaret Thatcher, on four hours sleep a night, rising at 4.30am every day, and terrified staff with his brusqueness and stickling passion for detail. When foreign heads of state visited Sri Lanka, he would always attend the dress rehearsals to see that all would be perfect the next day.

Premadasa did not invite criticism and the independent press suffered during his presidency. When Opposition MPs accused him of being an autocrat, he was the first to admit proudly that his was a "one man show". He demanded loyalty from his MPS and those who did not give it were eased out.

In 1991, a handful of MPs, led by Athulathmudali, signed an impeachment motion on the grounds of his abuse of power, incompetence and corruption. The rebellion was soon quelled and Athulathmudali was expelled from Parliament.

Premadasa's death leaves a worrying power vacuum in Sri Lanka which has been only temporarily filled by his former prime minister, Dingiri Banda Wijetunga was sworn in as acting president hours after the assassination.

Premadasa is survived by his wife Hema, their son and daughter.

GERALD FOWLER

Gerald (Gerry) Fowler, Rector of the Polytechnic of East London, 1982-92, and a former Labour MP, died of cancer on May 1 aged 58. He was born on January 1, 1935.

GERRY Fowler had two successful careers, in politics and academic life. He was influential in each and, unusually, managed to combine the two into a coherent whole. This was because he cared about the substance of both activities — as he saw it, the betterment of individuals — rather than mere theory or forms. His own life was a proof of that.

Although he had been an MP and minister of state at the department of education and science, he saw no incongruity — after his parliamentary defeats both in 1970 and 1979 — about becoming a district or county councillor in Shropshire or, indeed, in occupying not always top positions in various universities and polytechnics.

Gerald Teasdale Fowler himself enjoyed a distinguished academic record. From Northampton Grammar School he went up on an open scholarship to Lincoln College, Oxford, in 1952. He took a first in both Mods and Greats and was awarded the Craven fellowship by the university. In 1958 he secured a part-time classics lectureship at Pembroke College, and a year later, a full-time lectureship jointly at Hertford and Lincoln. He never obtained a college fellowship — perhaps because his political activities had already started. He was a Labour member of Oxford City Council from 1960 to 1964 and in the general election of the latter year unsuccessfully fought Banbury. Eighteen months later he was more fortunate at The Wrekin, which he gained with a majority of 846 from the Tories.

Fowler entered the House of Commons with at least one solid advantage. He had been at school with the brother of Marcia Williams (subsequently Lady Falkender) and enjoyed her approbation. He was rapidly appointed to office as joint parliamentary secretary under Tony Benn at the Ministry of Technology and within two years promoted to be minister of state at the Department of Education and Science, a job he was ultimately to hold three times.

The Wrekin has always been a bellwether seat and Fowler duly lost it when the Conservatives confounded the pollsters by winning the general election of June 1970. It did not really matter — he was probably well out of Parliament during those fractious years for the Labour party between 1970 and 1974 and, in any case, he used the period to good effect by becoming, first, assistant director of Huddersfield Polytechnic and then professor of education at the Open University.

Winning The Wrekin back in February 1974, he was immediately rewarded with



office again, returning to his old post at the DES. After six months he was moved to the Privy Council Office and then back again to the DES in January 1976. His third stay there was to be almost as short as his second one. He had always counted very much as a Wilson "trustie" — he once had to deny that he was his nephew — and it came as no surprise when the new prime minister, James Callagahan, summarily removed him from the government in September 1976. (It was typical of Fowler's good humour that he used to like relating the story of how he heard the news, via a telephone call from No 10, while lolling beside a Greek swimming-pool.)

In any event, it was hardly an uncovenanted blow. It gave him, for one thing, the freedom to pursue his second career. He became a visiting professor at Brunel University while still an MP and, after his second defeat at The Wrekin in 1979, accepted in 1980 the post of deputy director of Preston Polytechnic. The full flowering of his adminstrative and educational abilities only came, however, when he attained his last appointment as rector of the Polytechnic (now the University) of East London.

There was a certain irony in this. As rector of the polytechnic he found himself managing the consequences — intended or unintended — of the policies with which he had been associated in government. At the same time, the former councillor had to deal with two maintaining authorities who were not always on the best of terms.

Yet the coherence of his experience gave him strength. Perhaps his worst moment was when, newly arrived, he realised that financial cutbacks must mean the shedding of over 200 staff. This he accomplished rationally and humanely — not least because, unlike too many of the new breed of administrators, he understood the nature of academic work and the character of higher education institutions.

He later went on to create a strategy which saw the polytechnic through almost equally difficult years. In an increasingly "managerial" world he was proud to have "observed principles of collegiality," as the old Oxonian characteristically put it. His Labour party sympathies were effortlessly transformed into concern for equal opportunities in education — for the young, for adults and for the disadvantaged. A symbol of this was that in his time the polytechnic awarded an honorary fellowship to Beverley Gull of its administrative staff, who had won gold medals in the Seoul Paralympics.

Most importantly, he was an administrator with whom it was always possible to have a discussion, indeed an argument, about substantial issues in the content of academic disciplines and the profession of education.

He leaves a widow, Lorna, whom he married in 1982, and a stepson.

A RETIRING AGE FOR JUDGES

The first witness examined was the Lord Chief Justice, who was asked, among other things, his opinion as to the retirement of Judges. Lord Alverstone replied:—I should certainly not retire a Judge as long as he can do his work. I am quite satisfied that the best years of the Judges' lives in my lifetime have been the last ten years of their work. You want to learn to be a Judge. It is astonishingly difficult; a man may be a great lawyer and yet not a great Judge, and a man may be a poor lawyer and yet be an excellent Judge. Judges are appointed much younger now than they used to be, but the great men I have known have done their best work between the ages of 65 and 80, or certainly between 65 and 75.

The Chairman (Lord St. Aldwyn).—Have not you known Judges whose infirmities have delayed business?—Physical infirmities, yes, and I induced one most distinguished Judge to retire on that sole ground. His mind was as clear as a bell and his judgment excellent, but he was decrepit, and when I pointed it out to him he saw that the public could not disconnect apparent decrepitude and inability. He retired and lived for ten years afterwards, and up to the time of his death I would have taken his opinion on any point of law against the opinion of any man.

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The best retirement age for judges seems as open to doubt now as it was eighty years ago, and will probably remain so. The inquiry was part of a wider one into delays in the legal process.

Do you think it would be at all practicable to name a time, say the age of 75 or something of that sort, which should be a time at which, say, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, and the Master of the Rolls, or some such body, should be able to say to a Judge: "This is the time at which you may be required to retire, but you may be continued if we think it right in the public interest that you should be continued"?—I see no objection to retirement at any age you like if it is really understood that a Judge will be continued if he is fit to do his work. But it would be lamentable to take off the Bench some of the Judges who are over a certain age . . .

Mr Justice Phillimore, another witness, was asked if he thought a Judge should retire at the age of 65 unless he was requested by the public to continue. "No," he replied, "I do not. I am more than 65 myself." If any retiring age limit were fixed, it should be beyond 70; people's vitality had so enormously increased since his childhood.

NEWS

Bosnian Serbs may block UN deal

■ Serb hardliners warned the world not expect the parliament of their self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb republic automatically to endorse the UN-sponsored peace plan agreed in Athens yesterday.

Momcilo Krajisnik, president of the parliament, which has twice rejected the plan dividing Bosnia, told Bosnian Serb radio: "This signature did not in any way mean actual *acceptance of the agreement*" ..... Pages 1, 8, 9, 15

Heseltine tries to save Newbury

■ Michael Heseltine will spearhead a cabinet invasion of Newbury tonight as the Conservatives attempt to head off defeat in Thursday's by-election. An opinion poll has suggested that the Liberal Democrats are poised to overturn a 12,000 Tory majority ..... Pages 1, 2

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A childhood vaccination introduced last October has cut a killer type of meningitis disease by 70 per cent ..... Page 4

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A dinosaur involved in a divorce case has found a new home in a museum on the Isle of Wight. The owner of the fossilised remains of the therapod had to sell to keep his home after a marriage break-up ..... Page 4

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Kuwait plans to dig a trench along all of its northern border with Iraq and to fortify it with 1.3 million mines recovered after the 1990 invasion ..... Page 10

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The French government has delayed the announcement of its economic programme in deference to the memory of Pierre Bérégovoy, the former prime minister, whose suicide by the River Loire has prompted much soul-searching and recrimination among the country's political classes ..... Page 9

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The Italian political crisis eased after President Scalfaro ruled out the prospect of an early general election before parliament passes electoral reform ..... Page 9

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■ The government is to announce the demise of the May Day bank holiday from 1995 and its replacement by Trafalgar day in October, sources say. *Casting aside French* and Spanish sensibilities, the government will invoke the memory of Nelson's victory over them and will bury a holiday seen as honouring international socialism ..... Page 1



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Alex Ferguson's Manchester United *won the football* league title for the first time in 26 years after Aston Villa lost 1-0 to Oldham
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The Bosnian Serb leader's signature of the outstanding segments of the Vance-Owen plan does not mean "the final achievement of peace in Bosnia", as the Greek prime minister would have it. Yesterday's deal is good news because, without Dr Karadzic's signature, the plan was doomed. But hard proof is required that he is in good faith this time, and none was forthcoming yesterday ..... Page 15

The stuff of democracy

International Press Freedom Day, marked today worldwide, matters to us all. The simple truth that the flow of information and comment provided by a free press is essential to any civil society needs vigorous defence, from Sarajevo to Bogotá, Khartoum and Peking — and indeed closer to home in London ..... Page 15

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Until Harold Wilson came to power in 1964, the liveliest national debate was on the left ... *The Observer* should try to win back this ground. The old house still stands. The paint is peeling from the walls; there are still some bats in the belfry; the ancient butler, Alan Watkins, is sampling the Fonseca 1927 in the cellar. All that is needed is to pay for a brisk refurbishment, send out some invitations, and the salon can be reopened to the public ..... Page 14

MATTHEW PARRIS

I am sure that one of the attractions of sex for sub-editors is that it has only one syllable. It looks great in a headline. If we all had to write "intercourse" whenever we meant sex, it is likely that the subject would not dominate life and newspapers the way it does ..... Page 14

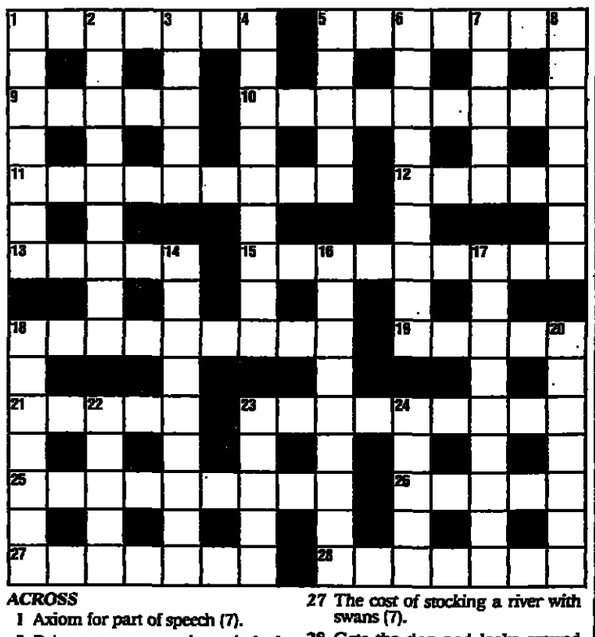
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The deep changes overtaking the American economy are preparing it to operate more competitively and efficiently. But to the distress of the Clinton administration, it may be some years before they begin to produce signs of economic strength
— The Washington Post

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ACROSS

1 Axiom for part of speech (7).
5 Point out many people are in bed (7).
9 Leave of absence from lunch say (5).
10 "Silken —— in the wardrobe lies" (*Hen V*) (9).
11 Dare begin rewriting material (9).
12 A time for charm (5).
13 Poles are producing gin (5).
15 Jejune sets — least affected (9).
18 Taken for a fit purpose (9).
19 A levy paid in secret — it helped a bit (5).
21 Presented as for retirement, but chose not to retire (3,2).
23 Red cotton all in knots (9).
25 A gang put back inside scoffed, being in disfavour (9).
26 Article about bill for an old fastener (5).
27 The cost of stocking a river with swans (7).
28 Gets the dog and looks around (7).

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1 Given small change, shelves obligations (7).
2 Superior directors in deep water (9).
3 The consumer shows some hesitation accepting a note (5).
4 Game, really high, served on fine china (9).
5 Pass north-east town (5).
6 Rope in the same crooked characters (9).
7 His selection of winners is a matter of chance (5).
8 A climbing frame for little ones in the garden (7).
14 Omission causing objection(9).
16 Mufflers much appreciated by travellers (9).
17 See a tract could be developed so arrange transport (6,3).
18 Blunder — the first in effect (7).
20 Enduring, though lacking any objective (7).
22 Soldiers left mounted, carrying nothing (5).
23 About to go on the box ... (5).
24 ... it's to do with viewers in some measure (5).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,119 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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WEATHER

Many places will have a cold start, with a touch of frost in places. Any early morning mist will soon clear, then it will be a mainly dry day with bright or sunny periods. In the afternoon isolated showers will develop in Wales and central England. Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry with the best of the sunshine in the east, while northern and western parts will be cloudier with showers. Outlook: mainly dry, sunny periods.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	f	Luxor	34	93	s
Akrotiri	15	59	r	Madrid	18	64	f
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Majorca	18	64	d
Algiers	19	66	f	Malaga	19	66	f
Amst'dm	10	50	c	Malta	18	64	f
Athens	20	68	s	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Miami*	26	79	s
Bangkok	36	97	s	Milan	17	63	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	19	66	f
Barcelna	17	63	s	Moscow	17	63	s
Beirut	18	64	r	Munich	17	63	c
Belgrade	23	73	f	Nairobi	24	75	s
Berlin	24	75	s	Naples	18	64	f
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N Delhi	41	106	s
Biarritz	12	54	c	N York*	24	75	s
Borde'x	15	59	c	Nice	17	63	f
Brussels	11	52	c	Oslo	21	70	f
Budapst	23	73	f	Paris	13	55	c
B Aires*	23	73	c	Peking	28	73	f
Cairo	25	77	s	Perth	21	70	f
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	23	73	s
Chicago*	20	68	c	Reykjavik	-1	30	f
Ch'church	12	54	s	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	17	63	c	Rio de J	28	82	s
C'phagn	21	70	f	Riyadh	37	99	s
Corfu	21	70	s	Rome	18	64	f
Dublin	10	50	f	Salzburg	18	64	c
Dubrovnik	19	66	f	S F'isco*	21	70	s
Faro	18	64	s	Santiago*	21	70	f
Florence	20	68	f	Seoul	17	63	c
Frankfurt	19	66	s	Sing'por	31	88	s
Funchal	18	64	c	St'kholm	20	68	s
Geneva	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	17	63	r
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	19	66	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Hong K	22	72	r	Tel Aviv	21	70	f
Innsbrck	18	64	s	Tenerife	21	70	f
Istanbul	15	59	f	Tokyo	9	48	r
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	15	59	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Tunis	22	72	c
Karachi	30	86	s	Valencia	21	70	s
L Palmas	20	68	c	Vanc'ver*	9	48	r
Le Touqet	12	54	c	Venice	19	66	s
Lisbon	17	63	c	Vienna	24	75	s
Locarno	19	66	s	Warsaw	19	66	s
London	10	50	c	Wash'ton*	28	79	s
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wel'nton	12	54	r
Luxembg	12	54	c	Zurich	16	61	s

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

UK TOWNS

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.3	-	14	57	cloudy
Anglesey	1.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Aviemore	0.5	0.02	13	55	rain
Belfast	0.7	-	10	50	shower
Birmingham	6.9	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	5.8	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	3.7	-	18	64	bright
Buxton	4.2	-	11	52	sunny
Cardiff	5.9	-	17	63	bright
Colwyn Bay	1.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	8.4	-	15	59	sunny
Edinburgh	7.8	-	15	59	bright
Eskdalemuir	5.2	-	12	54	bright
Exmouth	10.0	-	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	4.4	-	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	3.1	-	11	52	fog
Glasgow	2.0	-	12	54	cloudy
Hastings	6.6	-	16	61	bright
Hunstanton	7.5	-	15	59	bright
Isle of Man	5.5	-	11	52	bright
Jersey	-	-	14	57	fog
Kinloss	1.2	-	14	57	rain
Leeds	9.3	-	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	4.8	0.01	12	52	thundr
Littlehampton	6.2	-	21	70	bright
Liverpool	3.7	-	11	52	bright
London	9.0	-	21	70	bright
Lowestoft	3.1	0.01	17	63	cloudy
Manchester	1.0	-	12	54	cloudy
Margate	8.8	-	17	63	sunny
Minehead	11.3	-	16	59	sunny
Morecambe	9.6	-	14	57	sunny
Newcastle	9.4	-	16	61	sunny
Nottingham	9.2	-	17	63	sunny
Penzance	6.4	-	15	59	bright
Plymouth	8.8	-	16	61	sunny
Poole	5.8	-	19	66	bright
Salcombe	8.8	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	4.9	-	14	57	sunny
Scarborough	8.4	-	13	55	bright
Scilly Isles	5.2	-	13	55	bright
Shanklin	6.7	-	20	68	sunny
Southend	7.5	-	22	72	bright
Southsea	7.5	-	21	70	bright
Stornoway	6.1	-	10	50	sunny
Swanage	6.5	-	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	10.6	-	19	66	sunny
Tenby	5.5	-	14	57	bright
Tiree	9.8	0.06	10	50	bright
Torquay	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	7.7	-	19	66	sunny
Worthing	5.3	-	21	70	sunny

* denotes Not Available

CURRENCIES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.315	2.115
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.30	40.90
Canada $	2.11	1.95
Denmark Kr	10.15	9.35
Finland Mkk	9.17	8.37
France Fr	8.90	8.20
Germany Dm	2.63	2.43
Greece Dr	352.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.80	11.80
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2425.00	2280.00
Japan Yen	193.00	174.00
Netherlands Gld	2.96	2.73
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	241.30	223.90
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.20
Spain Pta	188.00	175.00
Sweden Kr	12.03	11.23
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.16
Turkey Lira	15600.0	14600.0
USA $	1.57	1.54

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading Friday 30 April.

TODAY

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 66 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,017.2 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TOMORROW

Saturday: Highest day temp: Norwich, Norfolk, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Wick, Aberdeen, *0.01in*; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, and Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 12.1hr.

YESTERDAY

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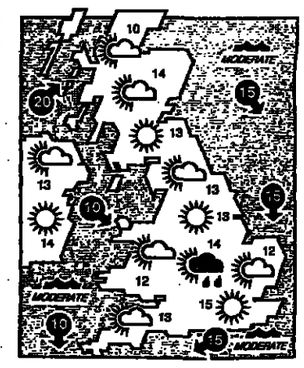
LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 9.1hr.

UK



EUROPE



London 8.57 pm to 4.59 am
Bristol 9.07 pm to 5.09 am
Edinburgh 8.26 pm to 4.55 am
Manchester 9.12 pm to 5.00 am
Penzance 9.14 pm to 5.25 am

Sun rises: 5.29 am
Sun sets: 8.27 pm
Moon rises 5.23 pm
Moon sets 3.46 am
Full Moon May 6

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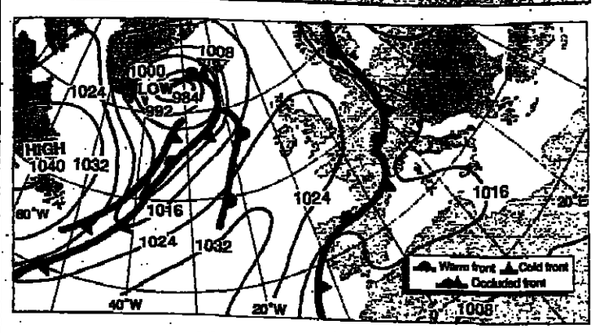
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	r	Guernsey	11	52	s
B'rmgham	12	54	s	Inverness	10	50	f
Blackpool	10	50	f	Jersey	11	52	f
Bristol	12	54	f	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	12	54	f	M'nchster	9	48	c
Edinburgh	8	46	f	Newcastle	8	46	c
Glasgow	11	52	f	R'nldsway	9	48	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	——	——	12.18	6.8	Liverpool	9.29	8.8	10.03	8.9
Aberdeen	11.38	4.0	——	——	Lowestoft	7.56	2.2	7.48	2.8
Avonmouth	5.17	12.0	5.55	12.2	Margate	10.24	4.5	10.31	4.5
Belfast	9.08	3.4	9.54	3.2	Milford Haven	4.21	6.4	4.55	6.4
Cardiff	5.02	11.1	5.40	11.3	Newquay	3.18	6.4	3.50	8.5
Devonport	3.46	5.0	4.28	5.0	Oban	4.12	3.6	4.52	3.5
Dover	9.22	6.1	9.46	6.3	Penzance	2.54	5.1	3.33	5.1
Falmouth	3.16	4.8	3.58	4.8	Portland	4.45	1.8	5.35	1.8
Glasgow	10.58	4.5	11.55	4.3	Portsmouth	9.31	4.3	10.09	4.6
Harwich	10.08	3.7	10.27	3.6	Shoreham	9.31	5.7	10.00	6.1
Holyhead	8.35	5.2	9.09	5.2	Southampton	9.11	4.2	9.40	4.4
Hull	4.36	6.8	4.45	7.0	Swansea	4.28	8.8	4.59	8.9
Ilfracombe	4.07	8.2	4.41	8.4	Tees	1.46	4.9	2.00	5.1
King's Lynn	4.49	5.8	4.58	6.1	W'ton-on-Nze	10.07	3.9	10.24	3.9
Leith	12.34	5.0	12.54	5.2					

NOON TODAY



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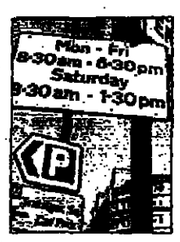
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Henry's goal settles championship and earns Oldham vital points in relegation battle

Villa defeat hands title to Old Trafford



Ferguson: single-minded

Aston Villa 0
Oldham Athletic 1

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

THE new Premier League trophy has, deservedly, finished up in the boardroom of Old Trafford. Manchester United's 26-year wait, during which time the club had on many occasions played their way to leading positions only to become over-burdened by the glories of their past, ended yesterday without the team having to add to their tally of victories for this season.

They were denied winning the championship on their own ground when it was conceded to them by Aston Villa. "The last thing we want to do is hand Manchester United the title on a silver salver," Ron Atkinson, their manager, had said before the weekend. But Villa did precisely that.

To be fair, they were out-played, out-chased and out-fought by Oldham Athletic, whose hunger to stay alive in this division proved stronger throughout than Villa's waning hope of the championship. The title was lost not on one Sunday in May but over 11 games during which Villa had scored a meagre nine goals. The panache, the style, the sweetness of their passing which hitherto had challenged United, had deserted them.

Yesterday, it was clear that their minds were frozen by the expectancy of it all. They became frenetic in their anxiety, and it was personified in McGrath, the player of the year, who several times manhandled opponents as if preferring Gaelic football to soccer.

The goal came just before the half hour. It was scant reward for Oldham's ability to get in and behind a defence that has looked solid for most of the season. Yet where was the cover when Staunton was pushed into an error by Halle? Pushed is a precise description, because Halle challenged Staunton from behind to a ball driven into the box from Pointon, and when Staunton stumbled under the challenge, his header went invitingly to two Oldham players.

Neither Beckford nor Henry was policed by the home defence. McGrath and Barrett stood idly by, presumably expecting Staunton to deal with the danger. And when Beckford was first to the ball, when his first touch lacked instant control, it was Henry who moved forward and beat Bosnich with an expertly placed right-foot shot.

Atkinson stood in his cream suit and dark sunglasses, seemingly impervious to the biting wind that contradicted the sunny afternoon. He grimaced, as if acknowledging that his team had neither the inspiration nor the youth to come back from this.

They had been lucky to survive this long. In the fourteenth minute, Beckford had conjured a free header by engineering a one-two with Henry. Beckford was too quick for McGrath, but his header too high to trouble the goalkeeper.

A minute later, Olney had an even easier chance. Booed at every touch, simply because he had begun his career at Villa, Olney squandered this chance, once more provided by Beckford, by failing to beat Bosnich one against one. Olney, from only eight yards, mis-hit his shot so meekly that the Australian goalkeeper, though stranded and grounded, was able to stretch out his left foot and deflect it.

When, shortly before half-time the same player again failed to hit the target, leaning back and lofting the ball over the bar from seven yards, he became a figure of derision in the stadium where he learnt his craft.

But because Redmond was in such defiant form at the heart of Oldham's defence, in spite of a nasty cut across the bridge of his nose, the visiting team was able to achieve only its third victory away from home, and its third match of the season without conceding a goal.

Redmond came to the rescue in the nineteenth minute when Dalian Atkinson, who has not scored since December 5, used his pace, balance and anticipation to outwit Jobson. From an acute angle, Atkinson's shot lacked decisiveness and Redmond hooked the ball clear with his goalkeeper beaten.

Redmond performed a second heroic volleyed clearance in the 34th minute when a shot from Saunders appeared to get behind the defender, who somehow managed to turn and loft the ball over his shoulder. A minute before then, stung by the goal, Villa had attacked with a venom seen neither before nor afterwards. Saunders, inevitably, was the trigger.

He outpaced Jobson, who then hacked him down from behind. Jobson was a lucky man indeed that referee Allison chose the yellow card, because it was a clear professional foul. Perhaps the distance from goal, 30 yards, saved him.

But the game became increasingly forlorn for Villa, increasingly comfortable for the Manchester United team watching on television. Their game against Blackburn Rovers tonight becomes the party that their manager, Alex Ferguson, had attempted to forestall.

ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich; E Barrett, P McGrath, S Teale, S Staunton, R Houghton, K Richardson, G Parker (sub: A Daley), D Yorke, D Atkinson, D Saunders.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC: P Gerrard; G Halle, C Fleming, R Jobson, S Redmond, N Pointon, N Henry, M Milligan, P Bernard, I Olney, D Beckford. Referee: D Allison.

LEADERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	40	22	12	6	82	29	78
Aston Villa	41	21	11	9	56	38	74
Norwich	41	21	8	12	58	62	71
Blackburn	39	18	11	10	64	42	65

Hendry takes charge over White

By Phil Yates

THERE has never been a more emphatic start to the Embassy world snooker championship final than the one made by Stephen Hendry at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield yesterday.

With clinical efficiency, and inch-perfect positional control, Hendry immediately reopened the psychological wounds he had inflicted on Jimmy White 12 months ago with a 136 total clearance on his first visit to the table in the opening frame.

At the end of a high-quality session, Hendry held a 5-2 lead, and the feeling that the Scot would capture the game's most coveted title for the third time in four years was inescapable.

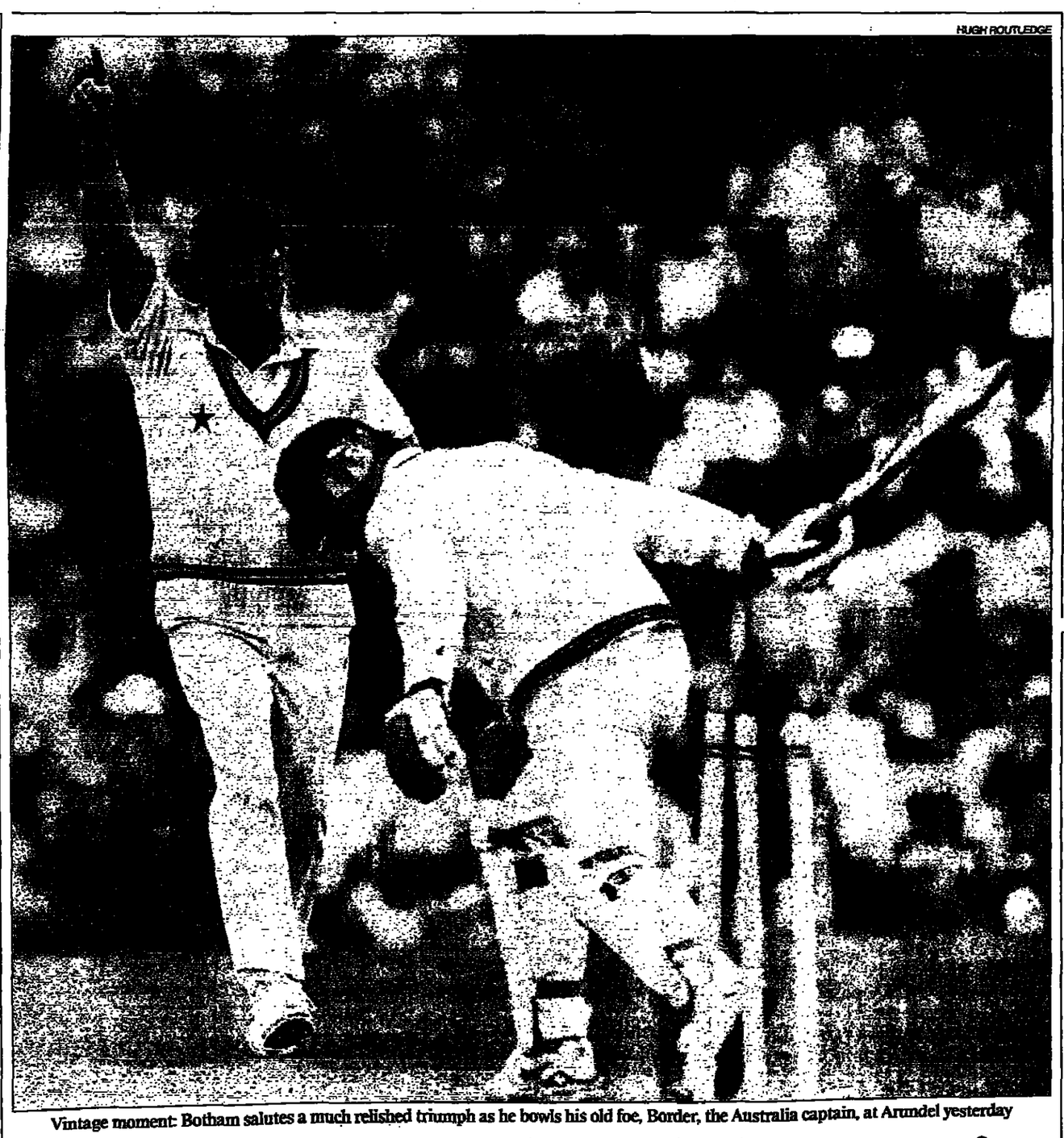
White had produced well-founded optimism amongst his supporters by impressively dismissing James Wattana 16-9 in the semi-finals on Saturday. However, Hendry, unlike White, had performed consistently well throughout the championship.

Utterly focused, Hendry powered in a long straight red from White's break-off in the first frame. As Hendry walked back to his chair some 36 pots later, with just the cue ball on the table, the harsh reality of the task ahead must have washed over White.

Hendry began the second frame with a run of 34 before taking on, and missing, a speculative plant. Thanks largely to a 58 break, White levelled at 1-1 and a 54 in the next pushed him 63-5 ahead. Only two pots away from leaving Hendry needing snookers, though, White failed on a tricky red. Hendry pounced with a 63 clearance to steal 2-1 on the black.

White also seemed in charge of the fourth frame when he initiated the scoring with 48. Playing a black from its spot with power he almost miscued and Hendry delivered another blow by eventually clearing yellow to pink for 3-1. Shell-shocked, after watching a potential lead transformed, White potted one ball in the following two frames.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J White (Eng) bt J Wattana (Thai), 16-9 (37-71, 21-68, 24-80, 36-77, 10-83, 71-39, 60-1, 0-93, 88-15, 64-7, 69-45, 62-25, 104-0, 77-39, 109-0, 71-50, 100-24, 69-0, 92-8, 64-24, 52-70, 14-83, 58-71, 73-15, 67-1); S Hendry (Scot) bt A McManus (Scot), 16-8 (111-32, 73-48, 88-0, 53-69, 5-75, 51-63, 0-98, 67-17, 11-57, 86-0, 73-18, 75-63, 64-38, 92-0, 85-5, 29-78, 57-77, 80-9, 80-44, 91-35, 68-56, 114-8, 32-64, 94-30). Final: Latest position: Hendry leads White, 5-2 (136-0, 37-65, 68-63, 63-48, 75-0, 126-1, 29-83)



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Vintage moment: Botham salutes a much relished triumph as he bowls his old foe, Border, the Australia captain, at Arundel yesterday

Botham quick to jolt Australian captain

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

ARUNDEL (Australians won toss): Australians beat Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI by seven runs

WHETHER it was the promised sunshine, the Ian Botham factor or simply that the Australians remain big box-office, Arundel closed its gates on a capacity crowd for the first time yesterday. There were 16,000 inside and countless more were turned away. English cricket, maligned and mourned since the woes of winter, has seldom looked in ruder health.

Seating space was at such a premium that dozens camped in front of the sightscreens and, in the spirit of the day, no player complained.

The Australians won, but against a Duchess of Norfolk's XI that did not contain anyone likely to feature in the Ashes series nor, with one notable exception, anyone who expects to. Botham was never likely to settle for a quiet retirement year and he is still making defiant noises in the direction of the selectors who, he says, have not found anyone to replace him.

He had a mixed day. Underestimating the traffic, forgiveable in one who, remarkably, had not previously played in this fixture, he arrived only shortly before the start. His ten overs brought two for 29, including the wicket of Allan Border, the Australia captain, but the bullring atmosphere when he strode in to bat after tea suggested that this, for many in the crowd, was the focal point of the day.

It did not last long. A blow on the toe from Warne had Botham hopping around the crease and, although he did hit an agricultural six and a lavishly struck four from successive balls, Mark Waugh bowled him through an equally expansive stroke for 13.

The Australians' batting will have better days than this, and against more formidable attacks. At one stage they were 68 for five against four main bowlers of whom Botham, at 37, was the second youngest.

He had seen off Damien Martyn, the type of brash young Australian who has long raised his English hackles, before turning his attentions with evident relish to his old chum, Border. It was a good contest, Border being beaten twice and responding with two sumptuous cover-drives before losing his off stump and retreating to play with his children.

Steve Waugh and Ian Healy ensured a respectable score although Dean Headley finished with two wickets in successive balls and a return of five for 51. Mark Waugh was to upstage even that with five for 33, but Paul Parker, taking 14 from the first four balls of the last over before being dismissed, kept the crowd in their seats and the Australians in suspense.

ARUNDEL SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS

M J Slater b Graveney	13
D C Boon c Parks b Headley	14
M E Waugh b Headley	6
D R Martyn c Garner b Botham	5
*A R Border b Botham	18
S R Waugh b Garner	59
†I A Healy not out	47
B P Julian c Cowdrey b Headley	20
P R Reiffel b Headley	9
S K Warne b Headley	0
Extras (lb 5, w 7)	12
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	203

W J Holdsworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-27, 3-40, 4-42, 5-68, 6-150, 7-188, 8-203, 9-203.

BOWLING: Garner 10-2-32-1; Headley 10-1-51-5; Graveney 10-2-32-1; Botham 10-1-29-2; Fleming 7-0-32-0; Greig 3-0-22-0.

DUCHESS OF NORFOLK XI

T R Ward run out	33
G Fowler c Healy b Julian	11
*P W G Parker low b Holdsworth	77
G R Cowdrey c S R Waugh b M E Waugh	0
M V Fleming c Healy b M E Waugh	0
I T Botham b Waugh	13
†A Greig c Healy b M E Waugh	8
†R J Parks c Healy b M E Waugh	1
D W Headley c M E Waugh b Julian	16
J Garner b Julian	6
D A Graveney not out	5
Extras (lb 12, w 12, nb 2)	26
Total (48.5 overs)	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-66, 3-66, 4-66, 5-87, 6-112, 7-114, 8-162, 9-176.

BOWLING: Holdsworth 9.5-1-42-1; Julian 10-0-48-3; Reiffel 10-0-35-0; Warne 10-1-28-0; M E Waugh 10-2-32-5.

Umpires: D J Constant and G I Burgess.

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Ferguson hears title news on golf course

ALEX Ferguson had insisted *all along that he was not* going to watch Aston Villa play Oldham Athletic and he was as good as his word (Peter Ball writes). He received the news of Manchester United's first championship for 26 years on the Mottram Hall golf course, where he was playing his oldest son.

"A man I didn't know came over the hill and said 'Excuse me Mr Ferguson, but you are champions. Oldham have beaten Villa'. It was a great feeling. I am really proud of my team and delighted for the fans, the chairman Martin Edwards and the directors.

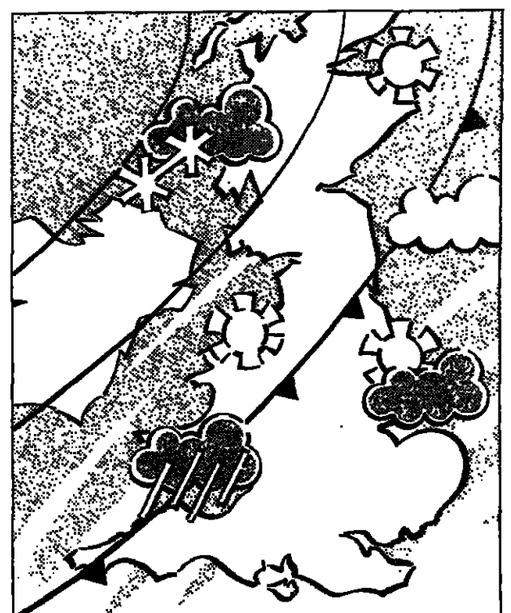
"A lot of hard work goes into winning the league, but it has all paid off now. It has been a great day for me, because I beat Jason by one shot too."

The ending of United's long wait for the championship ensures that Ferguson will enter the list of outstanding managers, for he has shown great perseverance and a single-minded determination to turn the club round, against *some opposition and much* criticism in his early years.

His most famous predecessor, Sir Matt Busby, 84 next month and the last United manager to win the title, was among the first to phone Ferguson to offer his congratulations and Busby said last night: "The English League is still the hardest in the world to win. This team has exciting qualities and character after losing its way a third through the season."

With his single-minded approach, Ferguson had repeated his insistence after training yesterday that his players forget about events at Villa Park and concentrate on today's task against Blackburn, but not all could obey.

"I disobeyed the boss's curfew and watched the game on television," Gary Pallister, Ferguson's most expensive signing, said. "I've never been so nervous, I couldn't sit still. Now it is like a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders."



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Long years of waiting that make winning the championship so much sweeter for Manchester United

Laying the ghosts of glories past at Old Trafford



DAVID MILLER
Chief Sports Correspondent

Life, or indeed football, was never quite the way we tend to remember it to have been. Nostalgia and sentimentality go hand in hand. So it has been, all these years of yearning, for another league title for Manchester United.

They have been years of often exhilarating football, of near-misses and heartache, during which the club had commendably remained true to the principle established by Matt Busby — put your money out on the field, visible in charismatic players, and entertain the public.

The thirst and loyalty of the Old Trafford crowds have provided the funds to be able to do that, yet simultaneously to modernise the stadium. For a quarter of a century, Manchester United rarely failed to be worth watching.

Consider, however, the following description: "Passing back to the goalkeepers from 35 yards, *throw-ins* backwards rather than forwards, the short, safe push into touch rather than the ambitious *individualism* that *opens* a game, sliding, enveloping, thudding tackles."

Leeds United or Arsenal in the dour early Seventies? No, it was a goalless draw between United and Liverpool six weeks before United last won the title and their team at Anfield was: Stepney; Dunne, Foulkes, Stiles and Noble; Law, Crerand and Charlton; Best, Sadler and Aston. The match was notable for Yeats hoofing Best in the air and Stiles clearing off his own goalline. Even our heroes were often more pragmatic than we wish to admit.

There had previously been three great Busby teams — the immediate post-war side led by the immaculate Johnny Carey, the pre-Munich team and, following that, the side with Law that won the FA Cup in 1963. The prime of the fourth side was 1965-66. That was the year they should have won the European Cup, losing foolishly to Partizan Belgrade in the semi-final after defeating Benfica. By the next year, Law was declining, Charlton's glorious days were behind him and Best's eccentricities, unmanageable off the field, were becoming evident. Busby himself was at the end of the road.

The so-called failure since 1967 — *only* seven cup victories and four other finals, plus three times runners-up in the League — has been magnified by the overwhelming achievements of Liverpool, their near-neighbours — 11 league titles and eight second positions over the same period. What humiliation for the Stretford End.

> They were all good managers as managers go, but as managers go, five of them went

The quest for success, by the third club of England's sequence over a century of internationally-famous clubs — Aston Villa, Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool — has brought a turnover of more than 400 senior players at Old Trafford and six managers. They were all good managers as managers go, but as managers go, five of them went.

Wilf McGuiness, succeeding Busby in 1969, never had a chance. Trying to discipline and renovate an aging team, he found the older players going over his head to Busby. Frank O'Farrell, a pleasant Irishman who had taken Leicester City back to the first division, made the mistake of thinking he needed to wear a city suit rather than a tracksuit at Old Trafford and was never in touch with the dressing room.

Along came Tommy Docherty, incandescent meteor previously grounded at Chelsea, *Rotherham United* and Aston Villa. United had finished eighth in each of the previous three seasons. With Docherty, they *slid to* eighteenth, then 21st and relegation. Yet this was a footballing team, with midfield players such as McCalliog, McIlroy and Daly. United bounced straight back and, in the following two seasons, were runners-up and winners of the FA Cup, respectively losing to Southampton and defeating Liverpool. Their forward line in a 4-2-4 formation, with two wingers, won friends everywhere — Coppell, Pearson, Macari, then Jimmy Greenhoff, and Hill.

The defensive steel, however, was missing. In central defence, Buchan was elegant but too self-aware, Brian Greenhoff solid without being dominant and eventually Docherty's equilibrium became holed.

Bring on Dave Sexton, from Queens Park Rangers, formerly Docherty's admirable successor at Chelsea. In his second season, Sexton, having signed McQueen at centre half and Jordan at centre forward, was unlucky to lose the FA Cup final to Arsenal 3-2 and the following year was second in the league by only two points ... behind Liverpool. Level with Liverpool on March 1, United blew it with a 6-0 defeat at Ipswich. Simultaneously, Louis Edwards, the chairman, was being harangued by ITV's *World In Action* over share deals and slush funds.

A mere eighth the following year, Sexton was sacrificed. His modest, moderate manner was too low-key, it was said. Enter the ebulliant Ron Atkinson, rattling with gold appendages, seldom short of a word or 20, but another manager splendidly addicted to attacking football.

From 1982-86, Atkinson, bringing Bryan Robson to join him from West Bromwich Ablion, finished third twice.fourth three times and twice won the FA Cup. Yet that, too, was regarded as insufficient. With McGrath and Moran in central defence, Robson and Strachan in midfield and Hughes and Stapleton up front, Atkinson had continued to give England's largest crowd all they wanted. Except the title.

Next choice, United's third Scot among seven post-war managers, was a wee toughie, a former knockabout centre forward who had performed great deeds with Aberdeen. An odd speech mannerism disguised the man's iron.

The demands and the environment at Old Trafford, the intimacy of public life in "little" Manchester, can crush people and they nearly crushed Alex Ferguson. His first three league seasons read: eleventh, second by nine points ... to Liverpool, eleventh.

With Leo Beenhakker, the talented Dutch manager, likely to become available at Real Madrid, Martin Edwards briefly considered the position, but he calculated that the club must remain faithful to the new manager lest it jeopardise its reputation as one of Europe's major sporting institutions.

League performance initially got worse. In 1990, United were thirteenth, though saved face by winning the FA Cup against Crystal Palace and surpassed this by taking the European Cup Winners' Cup the following year. Ferguson's ability was showing. Last year, they won the Rumbelows Cup, but perceived opinion was that Ferguson's own nerves were communicated to the team on the run-in for the title and they were pipped by Leeds.

Ferguson had remained faithful to the creed: he has persisted with a brilliant young winger, Giggs, often with Sharpe wide on the other flank, loading a burden on the dependable Ince in midfield. The inspiration — or gamble, or luck — was the purchase of the Frenchman, Cantona, from Leeds in December.

A player moving delicately on his toes like Viollet 30 years ago, Cantona became the fulcrum around whom the team pivoted and flowed. With the league's best goalkeeper in Schmeichel, with Bruce an exemplary skipper and Ince suddenly mature, Ferguson found he now had a team in which his own nerves were no longer a factor. He had made the team and he deserves to share the credit in United's finest hour. Their success is good for the English game.





Fading memory: Denis Law receives the league championship trophy at Old Trafford in 1967. After Busby, far left, several managers tried, and failed, to repeat the feat — Wilf McGuinness, Frank O'Farrell, Tommy Docherty, Dave Sexton and Ron Atkinson

UNITED'S LEAGUE RECORD BETWEEN TITLES

Year	Position	Honours	Year	Position	Honours
1966-7	Champions		1980-1	8th	
1967-8	2nd	European Cup winners	1981-2	3rd	
1968-9	11th		1982-3	3rd	FA Cup winners
1969-70	8th		1983-4	4th	
1970-1	8th		1984-5	4th	FA Cup winners
1971-2	8th		1985-6	4th	
1972-3	18th		1986-7	11th	
1973-4	21st (relegated)		1987-8	2nd	
1974-5	2nd div champions		1988-9	11th	
1975-6	3rd		1989-90	13th	FA Cup winners
1976-7	6th	FA Cup winners	1990-1	6th	League Cup and European Cup Winners Cup
1977-8	10th				
1978-9	9th		1991-2	2nd	
1979-80	2nd		1992-3	Champions	

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Premier League

CHELSEA (1) 2 Spencer 14, Cascarino 71 — COVENTRY (0) 1 Quinn 57 — 14,186
C PALACE (2) 3 Young 8, Armstrong 17, McGoldrick 60 — IPSWICH (1) 1 Gregory 37 — 18,881
EVERTON (0) 0 — ARSENAL (0) 0 — 19,044
LEEDS (0) 1 Hodge 69 — QPR (1) 1 Ferdinand 14 — 31,408
NORWICH (0) 1 Phillips 62 (pen) — LIVERPOOL (0) 0 — 20,610
NOTTM F (0) 0 — SHEFF UTD (1) 2 Hodges 30, Gayle 73 — 26,752
SHEFF WED (0) 2 Bart-Williams 52, Morris (og) 78 — MIDDLSBRO (2) 3 Falconer 26, Pollock 38, Hendrie 51 — 25,949
SOUTHMPTN (0) 0 — MAN CITY (1) 1 White 42 — 11,830
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 Anderton 39 — WIMBLEDON (0) 1 Earle 64 — 24,473

Yesterday

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 — OLDHAM (1) 1 Henry 29 — 37,247

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1, Hayes 1; Bognor 2, Wokingham 2; Carshalton 3, Hendon 1; Chesham 4, Dulwich 0; Enfield 0, Harrow 1; Grays 3, Basingstoke 2; Kingstonian 3, Windsor and Eton 0; Marlow 2, Bromley 2; St Albans 2, Sutton 2; Staines 2, Stevenage Borough 2; Yeading 0, Wivenhoe 0. First division: Abingdon 4, Billericay 1; Aveley 2, Whyteleafe 1; Barking 1, Boreham Wood 0; Bishop's Stortford 0, Wembley 1; Croydon 0, Purfleet 5; Dorking 2, Leyton 1; Hitchin 2, Uxbridge 1; Maidenhead 0, Heybridge Swifts 0; Molesey 4, Chalfont St Peter 0; Tooting and Mitcham 6, Lewes 1. Second division: Banstead 1, Egham 2; Berkhamsted 2, Barton 0; Chertsey 2, Ware 3; Hampton 1, Metropolitan Police 3; Hemel Hempstead 2, Tilbury 1; Malden Vale 5, Hungerford 1; Rainham 0, Ruislip Manor 2; Saffron Walden 3, Worthing 2; Southall 1, Edgware 0; Witham 2, Leatherhead 1. Third division: Clapton 5, Thame 1; Collier Row 0, Royston 1; Cove 1, Aldershot 3; Feltham and Hounslow B 3, Bracknell 5; Kingsbury 0, Epsom and Ewell 3; Leighton 3, Flackwell Heath 1; Northwood 5, Horsham 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2, Matlock 0; Chorley 0, Bishop Auckland 0; Colwyn Bay 4, Whitley Bay 4; Hyde 7, Gainsborough 2; Leek 3, Mossley 3; Marine 6, Goole 3; Southport 0, Winsford 1. First division: Bridlington 0, Lancaster 0; Caernarfon 3, Farsley Celtic 4; Eastwood 4, Warrington 0; Guiseley 4, Workington 3; Netherfield 1, Harrogate 1; Shepshed 0, Knowsley 2; Worksop 2, Gretna 1

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett 0, Northallerton 1; Guisborough 1, Durham 3; Peterlee Newtown 1, Blyth Spartans 3; South Bank 0, Whitby 7. Second division: Bedlington 3, Billingham 3; Darlington CB 1, Ashington 3; Norton and Stockton A 0, Esh Winning 1; Shildon 1, Eppleton 2; Washington 0, Alnwick 1; Willington 3, Shotton Comrades 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bamber Bridge 0, Prescot 0; Blackpool Mechanics 0, Newcastle 7; Blackpool 1, Nantwich 2; Bradford Park Avenue 1, Bacup Borough 3; Chadderton 2, Maine Road (Man) 1; Eastwood Hanley 0, Atherton LR 2; Glossop North End 0, Darwen 1; Penrith 4, Burscough 2. Second division: Bootle 4, Cheadle 0; K Chell 0, Maghull 3; Oldham 2, Squires Gate 1; Stantondale 2, North Trafford 2; Westhoughton 0, Atherton Collieries 2

Barclays League

First division

BRENTFORD (2) 3 Blissett 19, 37 (pen), Allon 69 — BARNSLEY (1) 1 Williams 25 — 7,958
BRISTOL R (2) 3 Taylor 40 45, Saunders 64 — BIRMINGHAM (0) 3 Saville 62, Mardon 68, Smith 90 — 5,150
CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 Claridge 24, Leadbitter 34, 53 — SOUTHEND (0) 1 Cornwell 57 — 7,137
CHARLTON (0) 2 Pitcher 50, Gorman 89 — DERBY (0) 1 Gabbiadini 61 — 7,802
LEICESTER (0) 0 — BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 — 19,294
LUTON (0) 0 — PETERBORO (0) 0 — 10,011
OXFORD UTD (1) 1 Magilton 12 — NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 Walker 45 — 6,171
SUNDERLAND (1) 4 Goodman 36, 50 (2 pens) Gray 57, Armstrong 76 — PORTSMTH (0) 1 Whittingham 86 — 21,309
TRANMERE (1) 2 Aldridge 11, 90 (pen) — WATFORD (0) 1 Drysdale 85 (pen) — 8,315
WOLVES (3) 3 Burke 19, Bradbury 20, 28 — MILLWALL (0) 1 Allen 67 — 12,054

Yesterday

SWINDON (0) 1 Hazard 61 — WEST HAM (1) 3 Morley 43, C Allen 58, Brown 83 — 17,004

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Newcastle	43	14	6	1	49	13	12	3	7	32	23	87
West Ham	45	15	5	2	48	17	10	5	8	31	24	85
Portsmouth	45	18	2	2	46	8	7	8	8	32	37	85
Swindon	45	15	5	3	41	23	6	8	8	33	35	76
Leicester	45	14	5	4	43	24	8	5	9	27	33	76
Tranmere	44	14	4	4	46	23	8	5	9	23	31	75
Millwall	45	14	6	2	46	18	4	10	9	19	32	70
Grimsby	44	12	8	4	33	23	7	1	14	24	30	64
Wolves	45	11	6	6	37	26	5	7	10	30	28	61
Peterborough	45	7	10	5	29	25	9	3	11	25	37	61
Charlton	45	10	8	5	28	19	6	5	11	21	26	61
Derby	44	9	2	10	36	33	8	7	8	28	24	60
Barnsley	45	11	4	7	28	19	5	5	13	27	41	57
Watford	45	8	7	7	27	29	6	6	11	30	41	55
Oxford Utd	44	8	7	8	29	21	5	7	9	22	33	53
Bristol C	45	9	7	6	25	24	4	7	12	20	42	53
Luton	45	6	13	4	26	26	4	8	10	21	34	51
Sunderland	44	9	6	8	34	28	4	5	12	14	31	50
Southend	45	8	8	6	31	21	4	5	14	21	42	49
Notts County	44	9	7	6	30	20	2	9	11	22	47	49
Brentford	45	7	6	10	28	30	6	4	12	23	37	49
Cambridge	45	8	6	9	29	32	3	10	9	19	35	49
Birmingham	45	9	4	9	29	32	3	8	12	20	40	48
Bristol R	45	6	6	11	30	42	3	5	14	22	45	38

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg 5, Armthorpe Welfare 2; Glasshoughton Wel 2, Eccleshill 3; Harrogate Rs 2, Belper 9; Liversedge 1, Pickering 4; Maltby MW 1, Ossett Albion 0; North Ferriby 1, Ashfield 1; Ossett Town 1, Stocksbridge P S 1; Spennymoor 0, Winterton Rangers 0; Thackley 3, Denaby 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 2, Weymouth 0; Corby 0, Trowbridge 0; Dorchester 1, Solihull 4; Dover 2, Hednesford 1; Gloucester 6, Hastings 2; Halesowen 4, Crawley 1; Moor Green 1, Bashley 2; V S Rugby 0, Chelmsford 1; Waterlooville 1, Cheltenham 2; Worcester 2, Cambridge 1. Southern division: Baldock 0, Salisbury 0; Buckingham 0, Ashford 2; Bury 3, Witney 2; Canterbury 1, Erith and Belvedere 2; Dunstable 1, Margate 1; Fareham 1, Burnham 0; Fisher 2, Newport IoW 2; Havant 3, Braintree 2; Poole 0, Sittingbourne 4; Sudbury 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 3; Wealdstone 5, Andover 0. Midland division: Bedworth 1, Hinckley 1; Dudley 4, Sutton Coldfield 2; Forest Green 1, Stourbridge 4; Grantham 1, Bridgnorth 3; King's Lynn 4, Yate 2; Leicester 2, Barri 2; Nuneaton Borough 5, Evesham 1; RC Warwick 1, Newport AFC 2; Rushden and Diamonds 3, Gresley 1; Tamworth 2, Redditch 1; Weston-super-Mare 3, Bilston 1.

Second division

BURNLEY (1) 2 Heath 28, Francis 46 — BLACKPOOL (0) 2 Sinclair 54, Bamber 85 — 12,475
CHESTER (0) 2 Rimmer 46, Thompson 85 — FULHAM (1) 3 Brazil 14, 80, Morgan 76 — 2,016
EXETER (1) 1 Storer 22 — HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 Cooper 15, 77 — 3,271
HARTLPOOL (0) 2 Southall 69, Peverell 75 — BRIGHTON (0) 0 — 2,693
LEYTON ORIENT (1) 4 Otto 16, Taylor 57, 66, Harvey 86 — BRADFORD (0) 2 Blake 52, Hasleton 89 — 5,504
PRESTON (1) 1 Ellis 4 — MANSFIELD (2) 5 Clarke 30, Holland 33, McLoughlin 63, Wilkinson 66, Stringfellow 82 — 5,689
READING (2) 2 Quinn 26 (pen), Lovell 32 — SWANSEA (0) 0 — 6,922
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 — WEST BROM (0) 2 Raven 85, Taylor 89 — 8,059
STOCKPORT (0) 0 — BOURNEMTH (0) 0 — 5,446
WIGAN (0) 0 — PLYMOUTH (1) 2 Dalton 45, Morgan 85 — 1,432

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Stoke	44	17	3	2	40	12	10	8	4	32	20	92
Port Vale	44	14	7	2	44	17	11	3	7	30	24	85
Bolton	44	16	2	3	48	14	9	7	7	32	27	84
West Brom	45	16	3	3	53	21	8	7	8	32	32	82
Stockport	45	11	11	1	47	18	8	4	10	33	37	72
Swansea	44	11	7	3	36	15	8	6	9	27	30	70
L Orient	45	16	4	3	49	20	4	5	13	19	33	69
Bradford	45	12	5	5	36	22	6	9	8	33	43	68
Reading	45	14	4	5	44	20	4	10	8	20	29	68
Brighton	45	12	4	6	33	22	7	5	11	27	35	66
Fulham	45	9	8	5	27	21	7	8	8	29	33	64
Rotherham	45	9	7	7	30	27	7	7	8	27	32	62
Burnley	45	11	8	4	38	21	4	7	11	18	37	60
Plymouth	45	11	5	6	36	26	5	6	12	21	36	59
Huddersfield	45	9	6	7	28	21	7	3	13	24	39	57
Bournemouth	45	7	9	6	28	24	5	7	11	17	28	52
Blackpool	45	9	9	4	38	28	3	6	14	23	45	51
Hartlepool	45	8	6	9	19	23	5	8	11	21	37	51
Hull	45	9	5	9	28	26	4	8	12	17	40	50
Exeter	44	5	7	10	25	29	6	8	8	27	38	48
Preston	45	8	5	10	41	47	5	3	14	24	46	47
Mansfield	45	7	8	7	33	31	4	3	16	18	45	44
Wigan	44	6	6	11	26	34	4	4	13	16	36	40
Chester	45	6	2	15	30	47	2	3	17	17	52	29

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield 1, Clevedon 3; Plymouth Argyle 0, Westbury 2; Saltash 2, Paulton 0; Torrington 0, Tiverton 0. First division: Bridport 1, Crediton 0; Brislington 3, Heavitree 0; Calne 1, Odd Down 1; Ilfracombe 0, Devizes 1; Keynsham 0, Glastonbury 0; Larkhall 2, Ottery St Mary 4; Warminster 0, Barnstable 3.

Third division

BARNET (0) 1 Bodley 85 — LINCOLN (0) 1 Lee 59 — 4,422
BURY (0) 1 Knill 60 — CREWE (1) 2 McKearney 14, Clarkson 53 — 4,411
CARDIFF (1) 2 Perry 33, Blake 55 — SHRWSBURY (1) 1 Summerfield 36 — 17,253
CARLISLE (0) 0 — TORQUAY (0) 1 Darby 65 — 2,689
CHESTRFLD (0) 0 — SCARBORO (1) 3 Jules 25, 54, Foreman 74 — 2,271
COLCHESTR (1) 1 Abrahams 29 — SCUNTHRPE (0) 0 — 3,421
GILLINGHAM (0) 2 Eeles 49, Baker 78 — HALIFAX (0) 0 — 7,151
HEREFORD (0) 0 — DONCASTER (0) 2 Gormley 51, Jeffrey 86 — 2,352
WALSALL (2) 3 Clarke 7, R McDonald 17, Marsh 88 — ROCHDALE (1) 1 Flounders 45 — 4,118

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Cardiff	41	13	7	1	42	20	11	1	8	32	27	80
Barnet	41	16	4	1	45	19	7	6	7	20	25	79
Wrexham	41	13	3	4	44	23	9	8	4	27	26	77
York	42	13	6	2	41	15	8	6	7	31	30	75
Walsall	41	11	6	4	42	31	10	1	9	31	30	70
Crewe	41	12	3	5	43	22	8	4	9	28	33	67
Bury	42	10	7	4	36	19	8	2	11	27	36	63
Shrewsbury	41	11	3	6	34	27	6	8	7	21	22	62
Lincoln	41	9	6	5	29	20	8	3	10	26	33	60
Colchester	40	13	3	5	38	26	5	2	12	26	45	59
Chesterfield	41	11	3	7	32	28	4	8	8	26	33	56
Rochdale	41	9	3	8	36	28	6	7	8	32	41	55
Scunthorpe	41	8	7	5	38	22	6	5	10	19	29	54
Scarborough	41	7	6	7	30	28	8	2	11	34	41	53
Darlington	40	4	6	10	22	31	7	8	5	25	20	47
Doncaster	41	6	5	9	22	25	5	9	7	20	29	47
Carlisle	41	7	5	9	29	27	4	5	11	20	36	43
Hereford	41	7	9	5	31	27	2	6	12	15	33	42
Gillingham	41	9	4	8	32	28	0	9	11	15	34	40
Torquay	41	5	4	11	16	25	6	3	12	27	41	40
Northampton	41	6	5	10	19	28	4	3	13	25	44	38
Halifax	41	3	5	12	20	34	6	4	11	25	33	36

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier Division: Gorleston 4, Cornard 3; Halstead 9, Watton 1; Histon 0, Wroxham 4; Lowestoft 1, Brightlingsea 1; March 2, Harwich and Parkeston 3; Norwich 3, Tiptree 1; Stowmarket 2, Fakenham 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich 1, Watford 1; Portsmouth 2, Tottenham 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. First Division. Chelsea 1, Southend 0; Fulham 2, West Ham 2, Leyton Orient 0, Arsenal 2; Tottenham 6, Norwich 1. Second Division. Colchester 1, Luton 5

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Abergavenny 0, Connah's Quay 2; Aberystwyth 0, Conwy 2; Afan Lido 0, Inter Cardiff 0; Bangor 1, Maesteg Park 1; Flint 4, Llanidloes 1; Haverfordwest 1, Newtown 2; Holywell 2, Briton Ferry 0; Llanelli 0, Caersws 2; Mold 0, Ebbw Vale 1.

BASS IRISH CUP: Final: Ards 1, Bangor 1 (replay Saturday May 8, Windsor Park, 3.0)

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Glyn 1, Wilsonians 1; Tiffinians 1, Aloysians 1. Second division: Shene 2, Meadonians R 0; Ignatians R 0, Grocers 1; Greenfordians 2, John Fisher 1. Third division: Enfield R 4, Dorkinians 2; Manorians 4, Aloysians R 4; Highburians 2, Buckwellians 0; Leyton 2, Vaughanians 2. AFA Senior cup: Final: Replay: Hamptonians 1, NatWest Bank 3.

GM Vauxhall Conference

BOSTON (2) 2 Jones 17, Miller 26 — MERTHYR (0) 0 — 734
BROMSGROVE (1) 1 Shilvock 25 — WOKING (0) 0 — 1,808
DAGENHAM R (1) 1 Blackford 32 — KETTERING (1) 2 Donovan 20, 58 — 1,225
FARNBOROUGH (0) 2 Bye 68, Batey 90 — ALTRNCHM (2) 5 France 9, Dyson 16, Tunnacliffe 61, Hayde 65, Saunders 88 (pen) — 738
GATESHEAD (2) 4 Farrey 37, Dobson 40 70 (pen) 78 — YEOVIL (1) 1 Wilson 41 — 397
KIDDRMNSTR (4) 5 Purdie 1, 42, Humphreys 36, Forsyth 41, Cartwright 57 — NORTHWICH (2) 3 Davies 6, 48, McGrath (og) 12 — 1,417
RUNCORN (0) 1 Parker 67 — BATH (1) 3 Harold (og) 16, Crowley 73, Vernon 79 — 504
STAFFORD (1) 1 Barry 34 (pen) — SLOUGH (0) 0 — 886
STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 — WELLING (0) 0 — 705
WITTON (2) 2 Thomas 3, Alford 17 — TELFORD (1) 1 Francis 12 — 758
WYCOMBE (0) 0 — MACCLSFLD (0) 1 Green 66 — 5,748

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Wycombe	42	13	5	3	46	16	11	6	4	38	21	83
Bromsgrove	42	9	7	5	36	22	9	7	5	32	27	68
*Dagenham R	42	10	5	6	48	29	9	6	6	27	18	67
Yeovil	42	13	5	3	42	21	5	7	9	17	28	66
Slough	42	12	3	6	39	28	6	8	7	21	27	65
Stafford	42	7	6	8	22	24	11	4	6	33	23	64
Bath	42	9	8	4	29	23	6	6	9	24	23	59
Woking	42	9	2	10	30	33	8	6	7	28	29	59
Kidderminster	42	9	5	7	26	30	5	11	5	34	30	58
Altrincham	42	7	7	7	21	25	8	6	7	28	27	58
Northwich	42	5	6	10	24	29	11	2	8	44	26	56
Stalybridge	42	7	10	4	25	26	6	7	8	23	29	56
Kettering	42	10	5	6	36	28	4	8	9	25	35	55
Gateshead	42	9	6	6	27	19	5	4	12	28	37	52
Telford	42	9	5	7	31	24	5	5	11	24	36	52
Merthyr	42	4	9	8	25	37	10	1	10	25	42	52
Witton	42	5	9	7	30	34	6	8	7	32	31	50
Macclesfield	42	7	9	5	23	20	5	4	12	17	30	49
Runcorn	42	8	3	10	32	36	5	7	9	26	40	49
Welling	42	8	6	7	34	37	4	6	11	23	35	48
Farnborough	42	8	5	8	34	36	4	6	11	34	51	47
Boston	42	5	6	10	23	31	4	7	10	27	38	40

*1 pt deducted.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Southgate County 1, Old Bealonians 2; Witan 0, Parkfield 3. Second division: Albanian 3, Hadley 1; Old Monovians 4, Academicals 0; St Mary's Coll 2, City of London 1; Wandsworth Boro 5, Polygons 2.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Old Parkonians 3, Midland Bank 2.

Scottish League

Premier division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 — RANGERS (0) 1 McSwegan 46 — 11,830
CELTIC (1) 1 McAvennie 8 — ABERDEEN (0) 0 — 20,642
DUNDEE UTD (2) 3 Connolly 34, 54, J O'Neil 43 — PARTICK (0) 1 Britton 63 — 5,590
FALKIRK (2) 6 Weir 33, Wishart 38, Baptie 46, 57, Rice 53, Cadette 71 — HEARTS (0) 0 — 4,122
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 Weir 86 — MOTHRWELL (0) 0 — 4,807
ST JOHNSTNE (0) 1 Wright 73 — DUNDEE (1) 1 Ritchie 5 — 4,471

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Rangers	40	19	2	0	61	11	12	5	2	43	19	69
Aberdeen	40	12	6	2	39	12	12	3	5	40	21	57
Celtic	42	12	5	4	35	18	10	7	4	30	23	56
Dundee Utd	42	8	7	6	24	23	11	2	8	31	21	47
Hearts	41	12	5	3	24	12	3	8	10	19	33	43
Hibernian	42	8	8	5	32	27	4	5	12	21	33	37
St Johnstone	42	7	10	4	38	26	2	9	10	22	36	37
Dundee	42	6	4	11	22	33	4	8	9	23	32	32
Partick	41	4	6	10	23	40	8	6	5	23	30	32
Motherwell	42	6	4	11	25	36	3	9	9	17	24	31
Falkirk	42	7	5	9	39	37	4	2	15	19	45	29
Airdrie	42	4	9	8	21	25	2	7	12	12	42	28

Second division: Barclays Bank 2, Kew Association 0, Lensbury 2, Winchmore Hill 1; Old Stationers 4, Old Salesians 0. Third division: Brentham 7, Old Westminster Citizens 0; East Barnet OG 4, Old Lyonians 1; Merton 5, Royal Bank of Scotland 6.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Standard Liege 8, Gent 4; Lommel 2, Cercle Brugge 0; Charleroi 3, Waregem 1; Mechelen 0, Antwerp 0; Lokeren 2, RC Liege 2; RWD Molenbeek 0, Beveren 2; FC Bruges 4, Genk 0; Boom 1, Anderlecht 5, Ekeren 5, Lierse 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 1, Paris St Germain 2; Bordeaux 3, Lille 0; Le Havre 2, Lyon 0; Lens 2, Montpellier 0; Marseille 5, Strasbourg 0; Monaco 2, Valenciennes 1; Nantes 1, Caen 1; Nimes 2, Metz 2; St Etienne 2, Sochaux 0; Toulon 2, Toulouse 0. Leading positions: 1, Marseille, 33, 47; 2, Monaco, 33, 45; 3, Paris SG, 33, 44.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Hamburg 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 2; Dynamo Dresden 2, Bayer Leverkusen 0; Cologne 2, Nuremberg 0; Bayer Uerdingen 4, Schalke 2; Wattenscheid 2, Werder Bremen 2; Kaiserslautern 3, Bochum 1. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, 29, 41; 2, Werder Bremen, 29, 40; 3, Borussia Dortmund, 29, 39.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyenoord 5, Den Bosch 0; Go Ahead Eagles 1, Sparta Rotterdam 0; Willem II Tilburg 1, Ajax 0, Utrecht 2, Volendam 0, Vitesse Arnhem 2, Maastricht 1, Groningen 0, Cambuur Leeuwarden 1, Twente 0, Waalwijk 0, Dordrecht 90 v PSV Eindhoven (abandoned). Leading positions: 1, Feyenoord, 28, 46; 2, PSV Eindhoven, 28, 45; 3, Ajax, 28, 41.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Guimaraes 2 Sporting 3.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Rayo Vallecano 1, Real Sociedad 1; Real Oviedo 0, Real Madrid 4. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, 31, 49; 2, Barcelona, 30, 46; 3, Deportivo 30, 44

POLISH LEAGUE: KS Katowice 7, Jagiellonia Bialystok 1; Slask Wroclaw 3, Zaglebie Lubin 1; Szombierki Bytom 0, LKS Lodz 0, Widzew Lodz 3, Olimpia Poznan 0. Gornik Zabrze 3, Pogon Szczecin 1, Ruch Chorzow 0, Stal Mielec 1; Lech Poznan 1, Siarka Tarnobrzeg 1

WORLD CUP: Switzerland 1, Italy 0 (Berne).

GROUP ONE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	7	5	2	0	18	4	12
Italy	7	4	2	1	15	6	10
Portugal	5	2	2	1	8	4	6
Scotland	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Estonia	3	0	1	3	0	8	1
Malta	6	0	1	5	2	14	1

First division

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 Eadie 40 (pen), 87 — MORTON (2) 2 Mahood 1, MacCabe 20 — 798
DUNFRMLNE (0) 0 — COWDENBTH (0) 2 Callaghan 66, 89 — 3,105
KILMARNCK (1) 1 McCluskey 8 — DUMBARTON (0) 0 — 3,793
MEADOWBNK (1) 1 Bailey 14 — AYR (1) 2 Walker 11, Bryce 76 — 277
ST MIRREN (0) 2 Gallagher 51, 80 — HAMILTON (0) 1 Napier 89 — 2,672
STIRLING (1) 2 Watson 20, Armstrong 70 (pen) — RAITH (0) 1 Dennis 84 — 1,746

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Raith	42	16	5	0	51	12	8	10	3	30	23	63
Kilmarnock	42	13	5	3	43	14	7	8	8	21	36	51
Dunfermline	42	10	5	6	32	25	12	2	7	31	20	51
St Mirren	42	11	5	5	32	18	10	3	8	26	29	50
Hamilton	42	10	7	4	34	22	8	4	9	29	22	47
Morton	42	11	3	7	35	24	7	7	7	27	28	46
Ayr	42	9	8	4	24	16	5	8	8	21	24	44
Clydebank	42	9	8	4	38	21	6	5	10	28	42	43
Dumbarton	42	10	2	9	30	30	5	4	12	25	38	36
Stirling	42	7	4	10	22	30	3	8	10	18	29	32
Meadowbank	42	5	6	10	21	31	5	4	12	26	45	30
Cowdenbeath	42	0	5	16	18	52	2	2	17	13	53	11

Second division

ALBION (0) 1 Scott 77 — ARBROATH (0) 2 Tosh 59, 61 — 204
ALLOA (0) 0 — STENHSEMUIR (2) 2 Irvine 15, Steel 17 — 424
BERWICK (0) 0 — EAST STIRLING (0) 0 — 394
CLYDE (2) 3 McCarron 11, Morrison 34, McGarvey 72 — FORFAR (1) 2 Smith 30, 74 — 1,021
EAST FIFE (0) 1 Beaton 49 — BRECHIN (2) 2 Brand 23, Ross 45 — 580
MONTROSE (0) 0 — STRANRAER (1) 2 Grant 11, Gallagher 59 — 505
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 Elder 56 — QN OF STH (1) 1 Henderson 11 — 499

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Clyde	37	11	5	3	36	16	10	5	3	37	22	52
Brechin	37	12	3	3	35	13	9	4	6	23	18	49
Stranraer	37	7	9	2	30	20	10	6	3	31	21	49
Forfar	37	10	4	4	46	28	8	4	7	27	24	44
Arbroath	37	7	5	6	31	26	10	2	7	25	24	41
Alloa	37	8	4	7	25	28	7	7	4	30	25	41
Stenhsemuir	37	9	2	7	28	20	6	7	6	29	23	39
East Fife	37	6	6	7	31	31	8	4	6	38	28	38
Berwick	37	8	5	6	30	25	7	2	9	23	35	37
Qn Of South	37	5	4	9	25	27	7	5	7	30	35	33
Queen's Pk	37	6	6	7	29	32	2	5	11	21	38	27
Montrose	37	4	3	12	21	34	5	3	10	22	36	24
E Stirling	37	4	3	11	24	38	4	5	10	26	48	24
Albion	37	4	5	10	22	36	1	5	12	13	38	20

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	1½	2	2	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	3

FORECAST: Telephone claims for 23 and 23½ points. Dividend forecast very good with seven jackpot draws, four high score draws and five no score draws.

Statistics

CAMBRIDGE United became the first team to reach the 80-offences mark after collecting three bookings against Southend on Saturday. In contrast to Wigan's 1,432, the lowest second division gate of the season, Cardiff chalked up 17,253, the highest of the third division.

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	20	4	3	0	27
Wright (Arsenal)	14	8	5	0	27
Ferdinand (QPR)	18	2	2	0	22
Shearer (Blackburn)	16	0	6	0	22
Quinn (Coventry)	18	0	0	3	21
Deane (Sheff Utd)	15	3	2	0	20
Cantona (Man Utd)	15	0	0	5	20
Chapman (Leeds)	14	1	2	2	19
Hignett (Middlesbro)	12	4	3	0	19
Newell (Blackburn)	11	3	5	0	19
Bright (Sheff Wed)	10	3	6	0	19
First division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Whittingham (Portmth)	41	0	2	3	46
Blissett (Brentford)	20	0	4	4	28
Saville (Birmingham)	20	5	1	1	27
Aldridge (Tranmere)	21	1	2	2	26
Kelly (Newcastle)	20	1	2	1	24
Cole (Newcastle)	19	0	4	1	24
Kitson (Derby)	17	1	2	4	24
Morley (West Ham)	20	1	0	1	22
Furlong (Watford)	19	0	3	0	22
Maskell (Swindon)	19	0	1	1	21
Gray (Luton)	19	1	0	0	20
Second division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Francis (Stockport)	28	2	2	5	37
Taylor (West Brom)	29	3	1	3	36
Walker (Bolton)	26	4	1	2	33
Stein (Stoke)	25	0	4	3	32
Ellis (Preston)	22	1	1	1	25
McCarthy (Bradford)	17	2	1	5	25
Quinn (Reading)	17	3	1	2	23
Heath (Burnley)	19	3	0	0	22
Nogan (Brighton)	19	0	0	2	21
McGinlay (Bolton)	15	5	0	1	21
Third division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Foreman (Scarboro)	27	0	2	2	31
Griffiths (Shrewsbury)	26	2	1	1	30
Clarke (Walsall)	21	0	1	1	23
Barnes (York)	21	0	0	0	21
Bennett (Wrexham)	16	1	2	2	21

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Aston Villa	—	22
Norwich	—	24
Newcastle	1	27
Coventry	1	29
Scarborough	2	29
FOUL PLAY	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Cambridge Utd	6	74
Chester	4	75
Torquay	4	75
Reading	5	73
Wimbledon	5	71
Sheff Utd	4	70
Exeter	5	68

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Division	Weekly total	Wkly avge	Wkly chng	91-2 chng
Prem (10)	230380	23,038	—	+6.5
Div 1 (11)	122,205	11,110	-13.7	+5.8
Div 2 (16)	107,652	6,728	-12.1	+24.1
Div 3 (11)	60,141	5,467	+69.2	+58.9

Highest/lowest of weekend: Premier League: 37,247 (Aston Villa v Oldham); 11,830 (Southampton v Man City). First division: 21,309 (Sunderland v Portsmouth), 5,150 (Bristol Rovers v Birmingham). Second division: 12,475 (Burnley v Blackpool); 1,432 (Wigan v Plymouth). Third division: 17,253 (Cardiff v Shrewsbury), 2,271 (Chesterfield v Scarborough)

□ *Compiled by Julian Desborough*

Exit Clough to sound of adulation and relegation



Andrew Longmore reports from the City Ground on an emotional end to a fine managerial career

So, next season will begin with Brian Clough tending his garden and Nottingham Forest back in pastures not grazed since Clough first came to the City Ground 18 momentous, turbulent and triumphant years ago. The Premier League will not be the same without them, but the claim that Forest were too good to go down was finally exposed as a myth on the very day their manager passed officially, emotionally and deservedly into legend in his last home game at the City Ground.

Except where it really mattered, sentiment won the day. The Forest faithful stayed at their posts long after the team's 2-0 defeat, its 23rd of the season, had ensured relegation, the Sheffield United supporters joined in the adulation, though only after the points, which should keep them in the Premier League for another year, had been safely won, and Frank Sinatra reminded the City Ground's biggest crowd of the season that he was not the only one to do it his way.

After repeated calls for an encore, Clough reappeared and walked to the Trent End to salute his supporters one last time. Like a Pied Piper in his trademark green sweatshirt, he was engulfed by well-wishers, but that Old Big 'Ead was ever visible in the human swell, just as it had been throughout his tempestuous managerial career. For a time, though, he had been head and shoulders above the crowd. He even gave a post-match press conference, his first in years, though no one had the heart to dwell on the inadequacies of his last team.

Mercifully, the football did not detract much from the main business of the afternoon. Only the minority who still chose to believe that their manager could walk unaided across the Trent, when the evidence of their own eyes proved otherwise, thought that Forest could pull back a 1-0 deficit at half-time and prolong their agony to the last match of the season at Ipswich. The rest knew the game was up as soon as Glyn Hodges had put United neatly ahead midway through the first half and were able to cast aside present failure and concentrate on celebrating past success. Clough is a football genius, they sang, with no sense of shame about the use of the present tense.

In a sense, the result was right. Clough's miraculous ability to turn a collection of mediocre players into essential parts of a good team has not survived the test of time. Though the loss of Pearce, in particular, has hit morale badly, only Keane and Nigel Clough have regularly risen above the average this season and both will presumably attract the big spenders. Far from being too good to go down, Clough's final Forest side would sit comfortably in thirteenth spot in the old second division, where he found them on January 3, 1975, his first day at the club.

The circle that has encompassed two European Cups, a league championship, four League Cups and spawned countless anecdotes, quips, whimsies, mimics and myths has been completed, even down to the depressing familiarity with which an early Cloughism will be greeted by those who have seen Des Walker and Teddy Sheringham depart without adequate replacement and watched Forest stumble to defeat after defeat this season. "To sell your best players is a suicidal policy, particularly for a club like Forest," Clough said on coming to the club.

At least now, Clough's successor, who has a hard enough act to follow, anyway, will be able to start with a clean sheet of paper. The success of the youth team, who won their league for the second year in succession, also suggests that the raw material is untainted by this one season of failure.

In one respect, Clough's luck ran out. Sheffield United are old hands at this sort of do-or-die occasion and were not likely to be distracted from their task by emotion, however powerful. "The world and his dog wanted us to lose, but it was our day as well and it was important we won," Dave Bassett, the United manager, said.

Nothing, though, highlighted Clough's waning powers as clearly as the differing spirit of the two teams. United were full of rattle and hum. Forest devoid of purpose, oblivious to the magic of the Great Motivator. "I told them what I have been telling them for the past 18 years," Clough said. "Get the ball, when you get it, play it. It's the best friend you've got. But we couldn't get it and we couldn't play it."

Had a header by Keane not sailed over the bar from six yards in the second half, Forest might yet have gained some reward for their effort. But Gayle's precise header 15 minutes from time confirmed what everyone had feared all along, leaving Bassett to summarise the feelings of the 26,000.

"Brian Clough is not a bad manager because Forest have gone down," he said. "You're always going to have failures and he's had many more successes than failures. He's a one-off as a personality, but to achieve what he's done at the level he's done for as long as he has is remarkable. We won't see his like again."

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: A Marriott; B Laws, B Williams, S Chettle, C Tiler, R Keane, K Black, S Gemmill, N Clough, R Rosario, I Wood.
SHEFFIELD UNITED: A Kelly, M Ward, P Beesley (sub: A Littlejohn), C Hartfield, B Gayle, J Pemberton, C Bradshaw, P Rogers, G Hodges, B Deane, D Whitehouse.
Referee: P Durkin.



People's choice: Brian Clough bids farewell to the Nottingham Forest faithful on Saturday after 18 years in charge of the club. Photograph: Mark Leech

Violence clouds Swansea's outlook

Keith Pike on the hooliganism that cast a shadow over the Welsh club's attempt to secure a play-off place on Saturday

IT has been a fabulous season for Welsh football, but Saturday was not one of its proudest days. Swansea City's 2-0 defeat against Reading at Elm Park was disfigured by hooliganism on a scale rarely seen these days. It was, the Reading chairman, John Madejski, said, "a return to the dark side of football".

It was also a frightening reminder to those who want to see fences taken down at all grounds that the dividing line between terrace vandalism and a full-scale riot is as thin as wire mesh. The majority of about 3,000 Swansea followers may have been well behaved, but the minority was sufficiently large to pose a genuine threat to safety before police reinforcements arrived.

The kick-off, delayed 15 minutes on police advice, was preceded by minor skirmishes between rival supporters and a plea by Frank Burrows, the Swansea manager, for calm. He might as well have saved his breath.

The second Reading goal, scored in front of the Swansea supporters, sparked predictable scenes of pandemonium. In the first half, play was held up twice, for a total of six minutes, as the vandals engaged in running battles with police and stewards. Several were led away in handcuffs, at least two people needed hospital treatment, and it needed mounted police and dog handlers to restore order.

In the second half, the hooligans wrecked a kiosk and succeeded in tearing down a fence separating them from the Reading supporters, and only the intervention of police in riot gear prevented a serious disturbance getting completely out of hand. More than 20 arrests were made.



Quinn: penalty

When the dust had settled, Swansea were left needing a maximum of three points from their two remaining games — against Wigan Athletic, tomorrow, and Leyton Orient, on Saturday, both at the Vetch Field — to secure a place in the second division play-offs.

Four years ago, the three professional clubs in Wales were languishing in the former fourth division. Now, with the national team in with a realistic chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals, Cardiff City and Wrexham having already won promotion from the third division, and places in European competition awaiting the top two in the newly-formed Konica League of Wales, it would be unfortunate for Swansea if their contribution to a Welsh revival is overshadowed by the antics of their supporters.

"As a Welshman I am absolutely sickened by the whole thing," Mike Lewis, the Reading managing director, said.

The goals which earned Reading victory came in the 26th minute, Quinn converting a penalty after Harris had handled McGhee's cross, and the 33rd, Lovell racing onto a beautifully weighted pass by Dillon to sweep the ball past Freestone. By and large, the players on both sides did well to concentrate on the matter in hand, although the petulant flare-up between Legg and McDonald early on hardly helped ease the tension, and David Frampton, the referee, was commendably insistent that the game would be completed despite the chaos.

"Our supporters let us down, they let the city of Swansea down and they let themselves down," Burrows said. Maybe he will also reflect that, by turning to applaud them at the end, his own players had hardly reflected the abhorrence felt elsewhere. A depressing afternoon indeed.

READING: S Francis; D McDonald, M Gooding, K McPherson, A Williams, P Parkinson, M McGhee, K Dillon, J Quinn, S Lovell, D Bass (sub: A Gray).
SWANSEA CITY: R Freestone; D Lyttle, S Jenkins, K Walker, M Harris, J Ford, J Bowen, R Coughlin, A McFarlane (sub: M Hayes), J Comforth (sub: A Cullen), A Legg.
Referee: D Frampton.

☐ Gary Lineker scored his first goal in Japan yesterday to lift Nagoya Grampus Eight to a 2-1 victory over Lazio, the Italian club, in a friendly. Lineker headed home in the 74th minute after a corner from the Brazilian, Putinatti.

Middlesbrough take familiar trip

Louise Taylor sees Lennie Lawrence's side record a rare victory at Hillsborough but primed for the drop by results elsewhere

RED and white scarves fluttered defiantly from scores of car windows as Middlesbrough supporters made their way back up the A1 on Saturday night. Results elsewhere dictated that Lennie Lawrence's team were effectively relegated from the Premier League on a day when they had beaten Sheffield Wednesday 3-2, becoming the first team to win at Hillsborough for five months.

By coincidence, Hillsborough was the ground on which Middlesbrough were demoted from the first division four years ago and many of those heading home to Teesside must have experienced a feeling of déjà vu.

Middlesbrough have spent the last decade embroiled in either promotion or relegation issues, so end-of-season journeys are rarely meaningless. Last year a trip to Wolverhampton Wanderers resulted in a Premier League place, an achievement marked by supporters hoisting Lawrence onto their shoulders and carrying him around the Molineux pitch.

Twelve months later, the Middlesbrough board is divided as to whether the manager should be retained. A decision will be made against a backdrop of political infighting which resulted in Colin Henderson resigning as chairman on Friday.

A potentially eventful summer at Ayresome Park will be further spiced by the contracts of ten players requiring renewal before August. They include that of John Hendrie, the winger whose form has been outstanding this season, surprising even Lawrence.

Middlesbrough's squad is, on paper, more talented than that which Lawrence kept in the top drawer at Charlton for four years. Strangely, motivation has been the principal problem, with the man once dubbed "Harry Houdini" finding the players to be less receptive to his style of management than those at Charlton.

One Middlesbrough player not needing much motivation is Jamie Pollock, an England youth international midfield player who future Ayresome Park sides will surely be built around. After Willie Falconer has given Middlesbrough a 25th-minute lead thanks to a left-footed half-volley from 20 yards, Pollock doubled their advantage.

The second goal summed up his contribution. After winning the ball with a fine tackle at the edge of his own penalty area, Pollock completed an energetic dash to the other end, from where he dispatched a low, stinging left-foot drive past Woods.

The less praiseworthy side of Pollock's game had seen him escape punishment for a horribly late tackle on Worthington before being booked for a high challenge on the same player. Those who live by the sword tend to die by it, and an off-the-ball incident in the second half saw Pollock carried off waving an angry fist at Carlton Palmer, who was roundly booed by the away contingent every time he subsequently touched the ball. "Jamie is in trouble," Lawrence said. "He will have X-rays because there could be a break."



Lawrence: under threat

The Middlesbrough defence came close to snapping after an exquisite chip from Hendrie had put them three up. A goal by Bart-Williams and an own goal from Morris made for a finish, described as "hairy" by Lawrence, which highlighted the defensive deficiencies which have brought about Middlesbrough's downfall.

Yet even though Wednesday played like a side with their minds on the forthcoming FA Cup final, Middlesbrough must know that a few more performances like the one on Saturday would have offered salvation. Lack of application, rather than ability, has undone them.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nilsson, N Worthington, C Palmer, P Shirtliff, V Anderson, J Harkes, P Warhurst, D Hirst (sub: C Bart-Williams), M Bright, J Sheridan.
MIDDLESBROUGH: A Colleti; C Fleming, J Phillips, C Hignett, C Morris, D Whyte, J Hendrie, A Peake, P Wilkinson, J Pollock, T Wright.
Referee: B Hill.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change		P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(0) Manchester Utd	40	78	+33	22	(13-9)	12	(5-7)	6	(2-4)	62	(36-26)	29	(13-16)	dwwwww
2	(0) Aston Villa	41	74	+18	21	(13-8)	11	(5-6)	9	(3-6)	56	(38-20)	38	(16-22)	wdwwll
3	(0) Norwich	41	71	-4	21	(13-8)	8	(6-2)	12	(2-10)	58	(31-27)	62	(19-43)	wllwlw
4	(0) Blackburn	39	65	+22	18	(12-6)	11	(4-7)	10	(4-6)	64	(37-27)	42	(18-24)	wwlwww
5	(+4) Manchester City	40	56	+8	15	(7-6)	11	(7-4)	14	(5-9)	54	(28-26)	46	(20-26)	lwddlw
6	(+1) QPR	39	56	+5	15	(9-6)	11	(5-6)	13	(5-8)	58	(36-22)	53	(30-23)	dldlwd
7	(-2) Liverpool	40	56	+4	15	(12-3)	11	(4-7)	14	(4-10)	54	(35-19)	50	(16-34)	lwdwwl
8	(+3) Chelsea	41	56	-1	14	(9-5)	14	(7-7)	13	(5-6)	49	(29-20)	50	(22-28)	wdlwlw
9	(-1) Tottenham	39	56	-3	15	(11-4)	11	(5-6)	13	(4-9)	54	(39-15)	57	(23-34)	wwlwld
10	(-4) Sheffield Wed	38	55	+6	14	(8-6)	13	(7-6)	11	(4-7)	52	(32-20)	46	(25-21)	ddlwdl
11	(-1) Wimbledon	41	54	+2	14	(8-5)	12	(4-8)	15	(7-8)	55	(31-24)	53	(21-32)	lwlwdd
12	(0) Arsenal	38	52	+2	14	(7-7)	10	(5-5)	14	(6-8)	36	(21-15)	34	(17-17)	dlldld
13	(0) Coventry	41	51	-5	13	(7-6)	12	(3-9)	16	(10-6)	49	(28-23)	54	(25-29)	lwdll
14	(+1) Everton	40	50	-3	14	(7-7)	8	(6-2)	18	(7-11)	48	(26-22)	51	(25-26)	lwwldd
15	(-1) Southampton	41	50	-6	13	(10-3)	11	(6-5)	17	(5-12)	51	(30-21)	57	(21-36)	llwldl
16	(+1) Leeds	40	49	-5	12	(12-0)	13	(8-5)	15	(1-14)	53	(40-13)	58	(17-41)	lwldld
17	(-1) Ipswich	41	49	-6	11	(7-4)	16	(9-7)	14	(4-9)	48	(27-21)	54	(21-33)	llllwl
18	(0) Crystal Palace	40	48	-10	11	(6-5)	15	(9-6)	14	(6-8)	48	(27-21)	58	(25-33)	ddlwdw
19	(0) Sheffield Utd	40	46	-3	12	(9-3)	10	(6-4)	18	(5-13)	48	(29-19)	51	(17-34)	wddldw
20	(+2) Oldham	40	43	-13	11	(8-3)	10	(6-4)	19	(5-14)	56	(36-20)	69	(25-44)	wdldlw
21	(+1) Middlesbrough	41	43	-21	11	(8-3)	10	(4-5)	20	(8-12)	51	(30-21)	72	(24-48)	lwlllww
22	(-1) Nottm Forest	41	40	-20	10	(6-4)	10	(4-5)	21	(11-10)	40	(17-23)	60	(25-35)	llwldl

Allen puts West Ham on way

Swindon Town	1
West Ham United	3

BY KEITH PIKE

WONDERFUL things, the play-offs: a day out at Wembley, a few bob in the coffers, and promotion — for the winners that is. For the losers they are agony and West Ham will happily forgo the privilege. Victory yesterday at the County Ground gives them every chance of doing that.

There is no substitute for going up automatically, and second-half strikes by Clive Allen and Brown, who had come off the bench, secured both the points to match Portsmouth on 85 and the superior goal tally — 79 to 78 — to overhaul Jim Smith's side and regain second place in the first division behind Newcastle United.

Newcastle will claim the title that has looked theirs all season with two points from their last three games, starting against Grimsby Town at Blundell Park tomorrow. We must wait until Saturday to see whether West Ham, relegated last year, or Portsmouth join them, when it may not be a case of winner takes all.

Both are at home, Portsmouth to Grimsby and West Ham to Cambridge United, who need at least a point to stand any chance of staying up. The equation for West Ham is simple: match whatever Portsmouth gain in terms of points, and score as many goals in the process.

It could well boil down to a shooting match, and while Portsmouth have Whittingham, West Ham now have Allen, back for the first time yesterday since injuring a calf and as sharp as a rust-proofed pin. He needed only seven minutes to remind his club what it has been missing after replacing Robson in the 51st minute.

The chance was set up by Dicks, who was allowed to run from just inside the Swindon half before slipping the ball out for Allen to cut in from the left. The ball was aimed at the one place Digby could not cover, low and just inside his far post.

That made it 2-0, Morley having timed his run to perfection on to Robson's through ball two minutes before half-time to give West Ham a lead which flattered them.

Swindon, their own play-off place secured, had made most of the early running. They might have had a penalty after 18 minutes when Ling fell under Butler's challenge.

With Bodin hurt on international duty with Wales in midweek and his replacement, Viveash, injured on the half-hour, Swindon were forced into a reshuffle which might have earned them a point. Hoddle was released from the back to torment West Ham and the Swindon player manager was instrumental in their 61st-minute goal. Marwood exchanged passes with Hoddle and his low shot went through the legs of the embarrassed Miklosko, Hazard racing in to get the final touch.

West Ham's nerves, though, were settled seven minutes from time by the defender, Brown, whose first touch after replacing Morley was to beat Digby at the far post. A goal from an unlikely source, but one that could prove crucial.

SWINDON TOWN: F Digby; N Summerbee, A Viveash (sub: B Marwood), G Hoddle, C Calderwood, S Taylor, M Hazard, R MacLaren, D Machell, M Ling, S White (sub C Maskell).
WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko, T Breacker, J Dicks, S Potts, A Gale, I Bishop, M Robson (sub: C Allen), P Butler, D Speedie, T Morley (sub K Brown), K Keen.
Referee: T Holbrook.

DETAILS

Premier league
Champions: Manchester United.
Relegated: Nottingham Forest and two from Middlesbrough, Oldham Athletic, Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, Ipswich Town and Leeds United.

First division
Promoted: two from Newcastle United, Portsmouth and West Ham United.
Playoffs: four from Newcastle, Portsmouth, West Ham, Swindon Town, Leicester City and Tranmere Rovers.
Relegated: Bristol Rovers and two from Cambridge United, Brentford, Sunderland, Birmingham City, Notts County, Southend United and Luton Town

Second division
Champions: Stoke City.
Also promoted: one from Port Vale, Bolton Wanderers and West Bromwich Albion.
Playoffs: four from Port Vale, Bolton, West Brom, Stockport County, Bradford City, Swansea City, Leyton Orient and Reading.
Relegated: Chester City, Mansfield Town, Wigan and one from Preston North End, Exeter City and Hull City.

Third division
Promoted: Barnet, Cardiff City and Wrexham.
Playoffs: York City, Walsall and Crewe Alexandra and one from Bury, Shrewsbury Town, Lincoln City and Colchester United.
Relegated: Halifax Town or Northampton Town

GM Vauxhall Conference
Champions: Wycombe Wanderers.
Relegated: Famborough Town and Boston United.

Scottish League
Premier division
Champions: Rangers
Relegated: two from Airdrieonians, Falkirk, Motherwell, Partick Thistle, and Dundee

First division
Champions: Raith Rovers.
Also promoted: one from Kilmarnock, Dunfermline Athletic, St Mirren and Hamilton Academical.
Relegated: Cowdenbeath and one from Meadowbank and Stirling Albion.

Second division
Promoted: two from Clyde, Brechin City and Stranraer.

Arc third back to best with Ganay win

VERT Amande, third in last season's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, won the group one Prix Ganay at Longchamp yesterday, edging out the British challenger Opera House by a short neck (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The Elie Lellouche-trained five-year-old, ridden by Dominique Boeuf, was always prominent and tackled Opera House, the mount of Michael Roberts, a furlong out. Vert Amande prevailed in a sustained duel to the line. Dear Doctor, the even money favourite, disappointed, fading in the final two furlongs.

Vert Amande will be aimed at the group one Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on July 4, while Michael Stoute said Opera House could go for the Coronation Cup at Epsom.

☐ Sought Out, the winner of the 1992 Prix du Cadran, was beaten a short neck by Dadarissime in the group three Prix de Barbeville at Saint-Cloud on Saturday.

☐ John Dunlop's Ventiquattrofogli was the best of four British raiders in the Premio Parioli (Italian 2,000 Guineas) in Rome yesterday, finishing fifth to Pelder.

☐ Clive Brittain's Sooty Swift and Paul Kelleway's Hazy Kay were unplaced behind Quebrada in the Arag-Preis (German 1000 Guineas) at Dusseldorf yesterday.



Roberts: second in France

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

12.50 Crystal Spirit. 1.25 Thinking Twice. 2.00 Jungle Knife. 2.30 Heathfield Gale. 3.00 Gaveko. 3.30 Pharly Story. 4.00 Arctic Kinsman.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

12.50 DEAN MOOR LONG DISTANCE HURDLE BBC2
(£10,885: 2m 7f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 21-0122 PRAGADA 33 (B,CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs M McGlone) M Pipe 10-11-4 R Dunwoody 94
2 082411 SWEET DUKE 26 (G,S) (A Mavrou) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-4 C Llewellyn 94
3 114214 BOSCEAN CHIEFTAIN 26 (F,S) (Miss C Olds) Mrs J Retter 9-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 81
4 5-12230 BURGOYNE 46 (G) (P Savill) M H Easterby 7-11-0 A Maguire 92
5 134421 CARDINAL RED 31 (F,G) (Mrs F Walwyn) Mrs F Walwyn 6-11-0 B de Haan 78
6 13-U03 CRYSTAL SPIRIT 23F (F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-11-0 J Frost 94
7 412630 JOPANINI 11 (F,G,S) (N Bush) N Henderson 8-11-0 B Sheridan 83
8 301P43 RULING 17 (B,C,G,S) (I MacDonald & J Short) R Johnson Houghton 7-11-0 P Niven (#)

BETTING: 3-1 Ruling, Sweet Duke, 7-2 Pragada, 5-1 Crystal Spirit, 7-1 Cardinal Red, 12-1 Burgoyne, 20-1 Boscean Chieftain, Jopanini.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PRAGADA 2½l 2nd of 12 to Shuil Ar Aghaidh in the grade I BonusPrint Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham on penultimate start (3m 110yd, good to firm), with SWEET DUKE 11l 4th, CRYSTAL SPIRIT (4lb better off) 28l 7th and BURGOYNE (4lb better off) 19l 9th. SWEET DUKE beat Simpson 4l in a 9-runner handicap hurdle Ascot (3m, heavy), with BOSCEAN CHIEFTAIN (10lb worse off) 1½l 4th. Previously, beat PRAGADA (7lb better off) 7l in the 7-runner grade II Letheby & Christopher Hurdle at Ascot (3m, good to soft), with CRYSTAL SPIRIT (11lb better off) 4l 3rd. BOSCEAN CHIEFTAIN beat Balasani a short-head in a 6-runner Chepstow handicap hurdle (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). CARDINAL RED beat Gaelstrom 1½l in the 6-runner grade II Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, firm). RULING 2l 3rd of 6 to Staunch Friend in the grade II Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr (2m, good).
Selection: RULING

1.25 HELL NOOK HANDICAP HURDLE BBC2
(4-Y-O: £10,625: 2m) (5 runners)

1 P11101 BOLD BOSS 15 (CD,G,S) (J Robson) G Moore 12-0 C Grant 98
2 315113 BATABANOO 37 (D,BF,F,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 10-13 P Niven (#)
3 36221 THINKING TWICE 6 (S) (Million In Mind Partnership) N Henderson 10-10 R Dunwoody 98
4 6111 ALBEMINE 37 (D,F) (P Burrell) Mrs J Cecil 10-1 T Kent 96
5 1012F2 LIABILITY ORDER 16 (D,S) (J Brown) M Hammond 10-0 A Maguire 84

Long handicap: Liability Order 9-9.

BETTING: 7-4 Thinking Twice, 11-4 Albemine, 3-1 Batabanoo, 11-2 Bold Boss, 8-1 Liability Order.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BOLD BOSS beat LIABILITY ORDER 3½l in a 6-runner novice handicap hurdle at Ayr (3m, good). BATABANOO beat Notable Exception 4l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good to firm). Previously, beat LIABILITY ORDER (13lb better off) 15l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Edinburgh in February (2m, good to firm). THINKING TWICE beat Final Favour 1l in a 15-runner handicap hurdle at Punchestown (2m 2f, yielding to soft). ALBEMINE when beat THINKING TWICE (5lb better off) 3l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good to firm), with BATABANOO (7lb better off) 1½l 3rd.
Selection: THINKING TWICE

2.00 SWINTON HANDICAP HURDLE BBC2
(Grade III: £23,765: 2m) (17 runners)

1 512021 FLAKEY DOVE 2 (D,F,G,S) (J Price) R Price 7-12-0 (3ex) Mr D Duggan (7) 87
2 311054 JINXY JACK 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 9-11-12 N Doughty 90
3 113-331 SPINNING 5F (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-11-0 J Frost 94
4 51154-3 CANNY CHRONICLE 12F (D,BF,G) (Newcastle Chronicle) M Tompkins 5-11-0 P Niven 88
5 131-030 BITOFABANTER 16F (CD,G,S) (Mrs I Loughlane) A Moore (Ire) 6-10-12 T J Taaffe 95
6 0-21066 JUNGLE KNIFE 10F (D,S) (N Cook) M Tompkins 7-10-11 A Maguire 92
7 1232F4 DEB'S BALL 12F (D,F,G,S) (J Calvert) D Moffatt 7-10-9 D J Moffatt (3) 90
8 501131 LAND AFAR 12 (D,G,S) (T Ford) J Webber 6-10-4 A Webb 90
9 00-1112 OLYMPIAN 31 (B,D,BF,F,G) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 6-10-3 R Dunwoody (#)
10 0-61032 EASY BUCK 21 (D,BF,G,S) (The Burford Laundry Company Ltd) N Gaselee 6-10-2 C Maude 94
11 423-551 PONTYNYSWEN 40F (D,S) (J Thomas) D Burchell 5-10-0 D J Burchell 80
12 421431 SABAKI RIVER 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 9-10-0 M A Fitzgerald 88
13 400421 PERSUASIVE 4F (CD,G,S) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 6-10-0 Mr M Buckley (5) 98
14 130633 NIKITAS 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (A Sofroniou) Miss A Whitfield 8-10-0 J McCarthy (5) 84
15 812111 KING'S SHILLING 9 (D,F,G) (K Pinfield) C Broad 6-10-0 Jacqui Oliver 79
16 230132 SIMONE'S SON 16 (B,D,F,G) (G Barnett) G Barnett 5-10-0 D Meade (7) 81
17 411341 ADMIRALTY WAY 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Burton) W Clay 7-10-0 Diane Clay 79

Long handicap: Pontynyswen 9-10, Sabaki River 9-8, Persuasive 9-6, Nikitas 9-0, King's Shilling 8-13, Simone's Son 8-12, Admiralty Way 8-7

BETTING: 5-1 Olympian, 11-2 Land Afar, Spinning, 13-2 Bitofabanter, 8-1 Jungle Knife, 12-1 Easy Buck, Flakey Dove, Jinxy Jack, 16-1 Canny Chronicle, 20-1 Deb's Ball, Sabaki River, 25-1 King's Shilling, Persuasive, 33-1 Pontynyswen, 40-1 Nikitas, 66-1 Simone's Son, 100-1 Admiralty Way.

1992: BITOFABANTER 5-11-1 T J Taaffe (14-1) A Moore (Ire) 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLAKEY DOVE beat Beech Road 1l in the 3-runner grade II St Modwen Staffordshire Hurdle at Uttoxeter on Saturday (2m 4f 110yd, firm). JINXY JACK 4l 4th of 6 to Staunch Friend in the grade II Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). SPINNING beat Bollin Patrick 8l in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, firm), with NIKITAS (7lb better off) 7l 3rd and JINXY JACK (9lb better off) 6l 5th. CANNY CHRONICLE has not run since a well-beaten last of 3 behind Peanuts Pet in a handicap hurdle at Newcastle in November (2m 110yd, good to firm). JUNGLE KNIFE, promising run of the Flat at Carlisle ten days ago, 43l 6th of 10 to Tomahawk in a handicap hurdle at Kempton in February (2m, soft). DEB'S BALL 14l 4th of 7 to Valfinet in a handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft). BITOFABANTER 9l 3rd of 16 to King Credo in the grade III Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Newbury on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good), with FLAKEY DOVE (16lb worse off) 3¾l 5th. LAND AFAR beat Pandy 15l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good). OLYMPIAN 3½l 2nd of 12 to Gaitssen in a handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, firm). EASY BUCK 5l 2nd of 6 to Dextra Dove in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). PONTYNYSWEN beat Grove Serendipity 10l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to soft). SABAKI RIVER beat Dextra Dove 2l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good). KING'S SHILLING beat Bursana 3½l in a 19-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good).
Selection: BITOFABANTER

2.30 NEW FLORIDA MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,590: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 P-21226 ORIEL DREAM 107 (D,G,S) (S Marsh) R Fisher 6-11-10 P Niven 97
2 421102 ARDLUSSA BAY 9 (D,G,S) (The Caledonian Racing Club) J Jefferson 5-11-3 A Maguire 96
3 121331 SHIMMERING SCARLET 10 (D,F) (P Jones) R Buckler 5-10-9 M A Fitzgerald 96
4 15-3 ANGELICA PARK 37F (F,G) (Parkes of Peterborough Plc) J Wharton 7-10-7 B Dalton (7) 86
5 F10221 HEATHFIELD GALE 37 (F,G) (A Ford) M Pipe 6-10-5 R Dunwoody (#)
6 21000-0 BROOM ISLE 21F (G) (V Guy) D Burchell 5-10-0 D J Burchell 76

Long handicap: Broom Isle 9-1.

BETTING: 5-2 Heathfield Gale, 3-1 Ardlussa Bay, 4-1 Oriel Dream, 5-1 Angelica Park, Shimmering Scarlet, 16-1 Broom Isle.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.00 EDGE GREEN JUVENILE CLAIMING HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £3,395: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 684025 PALACEGATE KING 16 (G) (C K Whillans) A Whillans 10-13 M Moloney 81
2 210513 GAVEKO 11 (B,F,G) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11 G Tormey (7) 85
3 1114P2 ELITE REG 13 (B,BF,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 10-9 R Dunwoody 96
4 041401 HILLTOWN BLUES 10 (G,S) (T Dyer) T Dyer 10-8 P Harley 80
5 41254 KAYARTIS 109 (S) (Mrs J Allen) Mrs M Reveley 10-6 P Niven 73
6 112413 ONLY A ROSE 34F (CD,BF,G,S) (G Reed) C Thornton 10-5 D Wilkinson (#)

BETTING: 2-1 Elite Reg, 4-1 Gaveko, Only A Rose, 5-1 Palacegate King, 6-1 Kayartis, 7-1 Hilltown Blues.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.30 DOCK LANE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,595: 2m) (5 runners)

1 301303 GOLDEN ISLE 16 (D,G) (J Hogg) J Charlton 9-11-4 B Storey 97
2 412121 PHARLY STORY 21 (B,D,F,G) (A Lomas) M Pipe 5-11-4 R Dunwoody (#)
3 5F514 TARTAN TRADEWINDS 23 (G) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-4 N Doughty 79
4 2/4FP5-P TUROLDUS 21 (T Hammings) Mrs S Smith 8-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 73
5 121253 CO-CHIN 16 (D,S) (T Phillips) D Moffatt 4-10-13 D J Moffatt (3) 92

BETTING: 4-5 Pharly Story, 7-2 Co-Chin, 9-2 Golden Isle, 7-1 Tartan Tradewinds, 25-1 Turoldus.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.00 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,983: 2m) (17 runners)

1 1S ARCTIC KINSMAN 11 (BF,S) (Mrs B Hambro) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 V Slattery (3) –
2 CHILDSWAY (J Childs) S Christian 5-11-3 J McCarthy (5) –
3 00 DEVIL'S CORNER 26 (H M Webb) H Webb 5-11-3 L Reynolds (7) –
4 2 KENILWORTH 21 (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 F Leahy (7) –
5 00 MARINERS COVE 98 (R Cawthorn) R Brazington 5-11-3 D Meredith (3) –
6 32 PHILHARMONIC 62 (BF) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 W Dwan (5) –
7 RHOSSILI BAY (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-3 Mr M Buckley (5) –
8 SOUND REVEILLE (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 5-11-3 M Berry (7) –
9 06 TOO CLEVER BY HALF 51 R Johnson Houghton 5-11-3 Mr G Johnson Houghton –
10 00 GREY ANCONA 21 (V) (D Gorton) C Tinkler 4-10-12 B Harding (7) –
11 0 JUNO'S SPECIAL 26 (M O'Neill) A Hambly 5-10-12 M Harris (7) –
12 40 LITTLE FREDDIE 46 (S Kelly) J Charlton 4-10-12 Mr D Parker (7) –
13 43 SCOTTON BANKS 21 (BF) (I Bray) M H Easterby 4-10-12 Mr A Thornton (3) –
14 CUDDER OR SHUDDER (L Sloan) D Moffatt 4-10-7 D J Moffatt (3) –
15 FIELDHAVEN (Gilberts Animal Feed Products) Miss S Wilton 4-10-7 D Meade (7) –
16 44 POP FESTIVAL 40 (Mrs R Perkins) P Dalton 4-10-7 D Winter (7) –
17 03 STRATHMORE LODGE 53 (Yorkshire Racing Club) J Jefferson 4-10-7 P Williams (5) –

BETTING: 2-1 Arctic Kinsman, 9-2 Kenilworth, 5-1 Sound Reveille, 8-1 Philharmonic, Rhossili Bay, 14-1 Scotton Banks, Too Clever By Half, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	56	148	37.8	N Doughty	30	88	34.1
G Richards	35	116	30.2	P Niven	7	36	19.4
C Brooks	10	37	27.0	C Llewellyn	3	16	18.8
M H Easterby	9	40	22.5	R Dunwoody	9	55	16.4
Mrs M Reveley	3	14	21.4				
Jimmy Fitzgerald 12		61	19.7	(Only qualifiers)			

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.15 Ballad Dancer. 2.45 Dailysportdutch. 3.15 Another Governor. 3.50 Sunderland Echo. 4.20 Spin Doctor. 4.50 Just You Dare.

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 LUCKY DIP CLAIMING STAKES
(£1,646: 7f) (11 runners)

1 3204 RESPECTABLE JONES 10 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-10-0 S Perks 4
2 -6/ BARGEE 67J W Bentley 4-9-10 R Lappin 7
3 0033 BALLAD DANCER 2 (D,G,S) Mrs Barker 8-9-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 5
4 0020 TWILIGHT FALLS 7 (F,S) M Camacho 8-9-5 D Nicholls 1
5 0-30 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 19 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4 K Darley 3
6 0-21 GALLERY ARTIST 14 (D,S) R Guest 5-9-4 S Eiffert (7) 8
7 4/0 PALM LAGOON 19 (V) C Tinkler 4-9-4 G Duffield 9
8 0401 WHITE CREEK 3 (V,S) J Berry 3-9-2 J Weaver (3) 11
9 CAPTAIN BRAMSTAN 52J Mrs S Bramall 5-8-12 O Pears (5) 10
10 MR ABBOT Mrs M Reveley 3-8-12 S Maloney (3) 6
11 0 DOMDOM 33 Mrs P Barker 3-8-5 S Wood 2

3-1 White Creek, 4-1 Respectable Jones, 9-2 Gallery Artist, 6-1 Ballad Dancer, 7-1 Twilight Falls, 8-1 Palm Lagoon, 12-1 others.

2.45 HELTER SKELTER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £1,618: 6f) (10)

1 41-1 DAILYSPORTDUTCH 14 (D,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 9-7 K Darley 9
2 32-3 PLUM FIRST 19 (D,F) N Bycroft 9-7 D Nicholls 7
3 00-6 RUSSIA WITH LOVE 19 J Bethell 9-0 S Perks 8
4 500- GLISSO 175 L Cumani 8-10 J Weaver (3) 1
5 05-4 JOTRA 12 (V) R Whitaker 8-4 J Penza 2
6 4461 GIRL NEXT DOOR 28 (D) A Hambly 8-4 O Pears (5) 5
7 000- SPORTING SPIRIT 178 (S) D Chapman 8-3 S Wood 3
8 0-00 RUM TEMPEST 16 (B) C Tinkler 8-0 G Duffield 10
9 -000 MATTHEW DAVID 4 (B,D) M Brittain 7-12 Darren Moffatt (5) 6
10 000- BECKYHANNAH 209 R Bastiman 7-12 S Maloney (3) 4

7-2 Girl Next Door, 4-1 Jotra, 5-1 Plum First, Dailysportdutch, 7-1 others.

3.15 BIG DIPPER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,562: 5f) (7)

1 ANOTHER GOVERNOR C Tinkler 9-0 G Duffield 1
2 ANTANANARIVO J Etherington 9-0 J Weaver (3) 2
3 BROCTUNE GOLD Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley 3
4 CAPTAIN KEYSTONE J Berry 9-0 D Nicholls 7
5 0 COLONEL SINCLAIR 31 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 5
6 00 CAPITAL LADY 7 B Rothwell 8-9 S Wood 6
7 MICHELLISA J Bethell 8-9 S Maloney (3) 4

2-1 Captain Keystone, 3-1 Broctune Gold, 7-2 Another Governor, 6-1 Capital Lady, 7-1 Michellisa, 12-1 Antananarivo, 20-1 Colonel Sinclair.

3.50 BANK HOLIDAY HANDICAP
(£3,557: 1m 4f 93yd) (8)

1 3/44/ GREAT HEIGHTS 40J (B,G) J J O'Neill 6-10-0 O Pears (5) 5
2 10/1- BATTLE STANDARD 11J (G,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-9-9 S Perks 6
3 0-40 TRUBEN 10 (D,F,G) D Loder 4-9-8 J Weaver (3) 1
4 60-4 MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 9 (D,S) D Morley 4-9-7 G Duffield 3
5 6123 GOLDEN TORQUE 3 (C,D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-9-4 H Bastiman (7) 2
6 0/4 BELLTON 18 (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-13 S Maloney (3) 7
7 021- SUNDERLAND ECHO 182 (CD,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11 K Darley 4
8 3-22 FIRST BID 11 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 6-8-11 J Penza 8

3-1 Sunderland Echo, 7-2 Truben, 9-2 First Bid, 6-1 Much Sought After, 7-1 Golden Torque, 8-1 Battle Standard, 10-1 Bellton, 16-1 Great Heights.

4.20 CATERPILLAR MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,435: 1m 2f 32yd) (5)

1 0 MR WOODCOCK 8 Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10 K Darley 3
2 0-0F MASTER FIDDLER 18 E Weymes 3-8-8 R Lappin 5
3 0 RICH ASSET 38 C Booth 3-8-8 S Perks 1
4 3 SPIN DOCTOR 20 L Cumani 3-8-8 J Weaver (3) 4
5 0-65 VOLUNTEER POINT 10 Mrs S Bramall 3-8-8 S Maloney (3) 2

1-3 Spin Doctor, 7-1 Volunteer Point, 8-1 Mr Woodcock, 20-1 others.

4.50 ROUNDABOUT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £1,660: 1m) (9)

1 4-11 JUST YOU DARE 16 (D,G,S) M Prescott 9-7 G Duffield 6
2 550- MOUNTAIN HIGH 201 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-5 K Darley 2
3 -125 THE PREMIER EXPRES 3 (D,S) W Bentley 9-4 R Lappin 4
4 5-33 PUBLIC WAY 14 (G) N Chamberlain 8-8 S Wood 8
5 4-61 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 7 (S) A Stringer 8-6 (5ex) S Maloney (3) 9
6 0-00 PAAJIB 11 C Tinkler 8-5 S Perks 3
7 -123 HOT OFF THE PRESS 9 (F) R Whitaker 8-3 J Penza 5
8 60-6 HYDE'S HAPPY HOUR 17 N Tinkler 8-1 Kim Tinkler 7
9 0-00 NEVER IN TOUCH 6 (B) M Brittain 7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 1

3-1 Nellie's Gamble, 4-1 Just You Dare, 5-1 The Premier Expres, 6-1 Hot Off The Press, 8-1 Public Way, 10-1 Hyde's Happy Hour, 12-1 others.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Take Two. 2.30 Vodka Fizz. 3.00 Skinnhill. 3.30 St Athans Lad. 4.00 Momser. 4.30 Tip Top Lad.

GOING: FIRM

2.00 NEWS SELLING HURDLE
(£1,304: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 11-4 TAKE TWO 56 (F) J White 5-12-0 B Clifford
2 6P24 WILTOSKI 9 (F) I Campbell 5-12-0 R Campbell
3 50-5 FANLIGHT 23 (S) A Moore 5-11-10 G Moore
4 1112 TUDOR DA SAMBA 10 (V,D,F,S) M Pipe 4-11-9 M Perrett
5 0012 NORDANSK 7F (F) M Madgwick 4-11-5 D Murphy
6 50 OLEJ 9 (B) C Broad 4-10-13 Peter Hobbs
7 3660 YAAFOOR 13F (S) P Hedger 4-10-13 D Morris

Evens Tudor Da Samba, 3-1 Take Two, 5-1 Fanlight, 6-1 Nordansk, 8-1 Wiltoski, 16-1 others.

2.30 CHICHESTER OBSERVER NOVICES CHASE
(£1,580: 2m 3f) (7)

1 2P36 FIGHTING DAYS 21 (B,F) A Moore 7-11-8 G Moore
2 P512 GREENWINE 18 (B,F,G) Mrs L Richards 7-11-8 D Morris
3 FP12 RIVER FLY 23 (F) J White 8-11-8 B Clifford
4 0213 VODKA FIZZ 40 (C,F,S) J Gifford 8-11-8 D Murphy
5 -5PP ATHASSEL ABBEY 21 (B) Miss L Bower 7-11-2 Mr C Burnett-Wells
6 34PP IN THE ZONE 13 W Wightman 8-11-2 Peter Hobbs
7 2542 GILSTON LASS 45 J King 6-10-11 P Hide (5)

3-1 Gilston Lass, 7-2 River Fly, 4-1 Vodka Fizz, 9-2 Fighting Days, 5-1 Greenwine, 8-1 In The Zone, 66-1 Athassel Abbey

3.00 BEAUMONT CHALLENGE CUP CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,040: 3m 2f 110yd) (10)

1 2312 GLEBE PRINCE 195 (CD,F) R Rowe 13-12-1 C Burnett-Wells (5)
2 -1RR PIGEON ISLAND 26 (G) G Charles-Jones 11-12-1 A Charles-Jones (7)
3 P463 RHODE ISLAND RED 44 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 10-12-1 K Goble (7)
4 1362 SKINNHILL 13 (B,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 9-12-1 J Durkan (3)
5 5-33 BOLD IN COMBAT 6 (CD,F,G) T Casey 10-11-10 NON-RUNNER
6 4-26 JIMSTER 132 (D,F,S) C Nash 11-11-10 D McCain (5)
7 3P54 TRI FOLENE 33 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 A Martin
8 634R BECTIVE BOY 6 (F) Miss L Bower 11-11-3 C Bonner (7)
9 02P5 JUST NELLY 17 J Mullins 7-10-12 R Bevis (7)
10 F020 ROCKMOUNT ROSE 13 R Rowe 8-10-12 J Luck (7)

10-11 Tri Folene, 5-1 Skinnhill, 13-2 Jimster, 10-1 Glebe Prince, 14-1 Rockmount Rose, Rhode Island Red, 20-1 others.

3.30 DIANE OUGHTON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,443: 2m 3f) (3)

1 3111 ST ATHANS LAD 18 (B,CD,F,G) R Curtis 8-11-10 D Morris
2 412U LOVE ANEW 21 (BF,F,G) M Dixon 8-10-11 D Murphy
3 3315 MISTER FEATHERS 10 (D,F,G) J King 12-10-0 P Hide (5)

13-8 St Athans Lad, 7-4 Love Anew, 15-8 Mister Feathers

4.00 WEST SUSSEX GAZETTE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,285: 2m 6f) (13)

1 2F32 SENDAI 11 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-12-0 P Hide (5)
2 3655 PASSED PAWN 47 (C,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-0 M Perrett
3 54P1 PARDON ME MUM 10 (B,D,G,S) K Bailey 8-10-12 Mr J Durkan
4 160P NORTHERN VILLAGE 21 (G) S Dow 6-10-7 A Dicken (5)
5 22/P HAITHAM 100 (C,G) R Buckler 6-10-5 D Murphy
6 12-0 MOMSER 21 (BF,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-10-5 J Ryan
7 3060 JUST BLAKE 21 (CD,F,G) R Head 12-10-0 D O'Sullivan
8 -02U CLEVER DICK 21 (V,S) A Moore 8-10-0 G Moore
9 0621 SAND KING 37 (B,F) J White 7-10-0 B Clifford
10 31P1 BRIGHTLING BOY 18 (CD,F,G) D Grissell 8-10-0 Peter Hobbs
11 -231 STRAIGHT LACED 21 (B,G) P Clarke 6-10-0 Leesa Long (7)
12 54PP STAR OF OUGHTERARD 21 (V,F) T McGovern 8-10-0 A Procter (5)
13 05F0 MILTON BRYAN 18 (F) R Voorspuy 8-10-0 D Morris

5-2 Pardon Me Mum, 7-2 Sendai, 5-1 Passed Pawn, 8-1 Northern Village, Momser, 14-1 Clever Dick, 16-1 Haitham, 20-1 others.

4.30 NEWS NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,482: 2m 2f) (11)

1 316P DUKE OF APROLON 12 (G) J Gifford 6-11-6 P Hide (5)
2 133 EMERALD STORM 74 (S) N Henderson 6-11-6 D Murphy
3 2341 MASROUG 21 (S) A Moore 6-11-6 G Moore
4 4F01 TIP TOP LAD 44 (F) D Grissell 6-11-6 Peter Hobbs
5 4153 SECOND CALL 23 (BF,F,S) G Harwood 4-11-2 M Perrett
6 F/F- CONNABEE 523 J Poulton 9-11-0 R Rowell
7 PC00 MONA'S PRINCE 21 D Wilson 6-11-0 J J Brown (7)
8 240/ DOC LODGE 990F J White 7-10-9 J Duggan
9 000 FRANK'S THE NAME 26 M Madgwick 4-10-9 B Clifford
10 P00/ MICHELLE CLARE 748 P Butler 7-10-9 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
11 SCRAGGED OAK LASS R Dean 8-10-9 A Procter (5)

2-1 Second Call, 9-4 Duke Of Aprolon, 7-2 Tip Top Lad, Emerald Storm, 8-1 others.

Sea Hero completes Mellon's world treble

SEA Hero, owned by Paul Mellon, landed the Kentucky Derby by two-and-a-half lengths from the favourite, Prairie Bayou, at Churchill Downs on Saturday. The victory gave Mellon, 85, a unique treble in three of the world's great races, adding to the wins of Mill Reef in the 1971 Epsom Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Sea Hero, trained by Mack Miller and ridden by Jerry Bailey, dashed through a gap on the inside turning for home and soon had the race in safe keeping. Prairie Bayou did well to finish second after being forced wide on the final turn. Wild Gale was third.

"It was like the Red Sea, when I got to it, it parted," Bailey said of the wall of horses in front of him.

The winner, who paid 12.9-1, now has the second leg of the American Triple Crown, the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico on May 15, on his agenda.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket
Going: good

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, Commander In Chief (Pat Eddery, 2-5 fav); 2, Oakmead (10-1); 3, Blue Judge (9-2). 5 ran. NR: Aljazzaf. 3½l, 1½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.25. 2min 32.05sec.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, Muhayaa (W R Swinburn, 16-1); 2, Unforgiving Minute (11-2); 3, Kristianstad (12-1). Bold Stroke 9-4 fav. 12 ran. Hd, 1½l. A Scott. Tote: £19.90; £4.60, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £61.60. Trio: £139.40. CSF: £92.00. Tricast: £990.96. 2min 3.60sec.

3.00 (5f) 1, Gold Land (A Munro, 2-1 fav); 2, Grotto Pool (9-2); 3, Nonios (20-1). 11 ran. 4l, ¾l. P Cole. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.90, £4.20. DF: £8.70. Trio: £107.40. CSF: £10.91. 1min 0.52sec.

3.40 (1m) see facing page

4.15 (5f) 1, Paris House (J Carroll, 9-1); 2, Dauberval (10-1); 3, Lochsong (11-2). Up And At 'Em 5-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Bragg Far. Nk, nk. J Berry. Tote: £8.60; £2.70, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £62.10. Trio: £80.90. CSF: £90.45. 58.75sec.

4.45 (6f) 1, Castlerea Lad (W Ryan, 10-1); 2, Martinosky (14-1); 3, Troon (14-1); 4, Yes (40-1). Moon Strike 11-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Green Dollar. ¾l, 1l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £12.40; £2.30, £3.90, £2.30, £9.30. DF: £160.90. Trio: £1,498.30. CSF: £132.57. Tricast: £1,782.19. 1min 12.41sec.

5.15 (6f) 1, Big Sky (W Ryan, 5-2); 2, Putout (5-1); 3, Robleu (50-1). Canaska Star 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 1½l, 1½l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.40, £6.90. DF: £7.00. Trio: £107.40. CSF: £14.36.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £43,429.94 carried forward to Kempton today).

Placepot: £436.40.

Haydock Park

1.00 1, Gisarne (7-4 fav); 2, Ucome (5-2); 3, Tahdid (7-1). 7 ran.

1.30 1, Palacegate Episode (5-6 fav); 2, Night Melody (Evens). 2 ran.

2.00 1, Little Bean (9-4 fav); 2, Beware Of Agents (12-1); 3, Pater Noster (7-2). 7 ran.

2.35 1, Jack Button (8-13 fav); 2, Bokaro (4-1); 3, Aude La Belle (5-1). 5 ran.

3.05 1, Feather Face (3-1); 2, Gran Senorum (5-1); 3, Tej Singh (5-6 fav). 6 ran.

3.35 1, Legion Of Honour (9-1); 2, Ambiguously Regal (2-1 fav); 3, James Is Special (15-2). 8 ran.

Thirsk

2.15 1, Cumbrian Rhapsody (14-1); 2, Point The Way (7-4 fav); 3, Khisal (8-1). 14 ran.

2.45 1, Sonderise (15-2); 2, Ned's Bonanza (14-1); 3, Ballad Dancer (15-2); 4, Slades Hill (11-2 fav). 22 ran. NR: Indigo.

3.20 1, Forever Diamonds (8-1); 2, Cee-Jay-Ay (14-1); 3, Spanish Verdict (25-1); 4, Hamadryad (14-1). Hanu 4-1 jt-fav. 16 ran.

3.50 1, Hi Nod (5-2 fav); 2, Tamside Rosal (14-1); 3, Margaret's Gift (5-1). 11 ran. NR: Great Steps.

4.25 1, Chickchamie (8-1); 2, Bold Thatcher (4-6 fav); 3, Celestial Choir (33-1). 9 ran.

4.55 1, Sporting Warrior (12-1); 2, Certificate-X (7-2 fav); 3, Allwight Then (4-1). 16 ran. NR: Warthill Whispers.

Hereford

2.20 1, Just Rosie (7-1); 2, Pandy (5-2 fav); 3, Riverillon (16-1). 14 ran. NR: Fern Heights, Old Eagle, Peaceful Polly.

2.50 1, Height Of Fun (20-1); 2, Nathan Blake (4-1 fav); 3, Prince's Court (10-1). 13 ran. NR: Guildway, Corravorrin, Sam Shorrock, Miss Fern, Bird Of Spirit.

3.25 1, The Holy Golfer (6-1); 2, Motor Cloak (5-1 fav); 3, Wassls Million (14-1). 15 ran.

3.55 1, Billy Bathgate (8-15 fav); 2, Rather Sharp (16-1); 3, Starlap (6-1). 6 ran. NR: Damcada.

4.30 1, Blood Blues (11-10 fav); 2, Bartres (13-8); 3, Just Mick (13-2). 4 ran.

5.00 1, Sydney Barry (9-2 jt-fav); 2, Singing Detective (25-1); 3, Lucky Blue (6-1). Jarzon Dancer 9-2 jt-fav. 12 ran.

5.30 1, Nirvana Prince (25-1); 2, Padishah (10-1); 3, Sparkling Cone (14-1). Act Of Parliament 15-8 fav. 15 ran. NR: Unknown Challenger, True Storm.

Hexham

5.45 1, Real Class (9-2); 2, Coxann (16-1); 3, Pronounced (14-1). Auburn Castle 2-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Dreadnought.

6.15 1, Rufus (11-10 fav); 2, Over The Styx (4-1); 3, Military Honour (6-1). 7 ran. NR: Moss Bee.

6.45 1, Bavard Bay (10-1); 2, Al Sahil (2-1 fav); 3, As D'Ebok (11-4). 11 ran.

7.15 1, Taramoss (Evens fav); 2, Bob's Request (16-1); 3, Bee Dee Boy (6-1). 14 ran. NR: Duchess Of Tubber.

7.45 1, Positive Action (100-30); 2, Mentmoore (5-4 fav); 3, Portavogie (6-1). 5 ran.

8.15 1, Casual Pass (3-1); 2, Precipice Run (9-4 fav); 3, Ballyford (6-1). 7 ran.

Uttoxeter

2.10 1, Briggs Lad (9-2); 2, Home Counties (8-15 fav); 3, Rich Desire (13-2). 6 ran.

2.40 1, Mr Boston (10-11 fav); 2, Windy Ways (5-1); 3, Smooth Escort (11-2). 6 ran. NR: False Economy, Indian Tonic.

3.15 1, Hello Mam (13-2); 2, Qualitair Memory (4-1); 3, Cool Society (9-1). Militador 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Another Vintage.

3.45 1, One For The Pot (4-9 fav); 2, Bossburg (9-4); 3, Chagheta (14-1). 4 ran.

4.20 1, Flakey Dove (10-11 fav); 2, Beech Road (7-4); 3, Castle Secret (9-2). 3 ran. NR: Gallateen, Lord Relic, Staunch Friend.

4.50 1, Wind Force (1-2 fav); 2, Mr Entertainer (9-4); 3, Pims Gunner (5-1). 3 ran. NR: Golden Celtic, Eastshaw, Chiasso Forte.

5.20 1, Doolar (9-4); 2, Stage Player (5-2); 3, Dagobertin (13-8 fav). 4 ran. NR: Beachy Head, Preobrakensky, Albertito, The Decent Thing, Our Slimbridge, Dont Tell The Wife, Boll Weevil, What If, Arran View.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Level stake
J Quinn	29	41	16	21	-68.34
T Quinn	25	25	22	18	-47.09
Dean McKeown	25	25	22	13	-53.16
J Carroll	23	12	9	0	+44.44
G Duffield	23	11	14	10	+24.80
Pat Eddery	23	15	7	3	-20.40
W Carson	20	11	13	8	-9.89
M Hills	20	29	19	3	-67.38
K Darley	19	19	14	3	-5.25
J Williams	17	8	22	2	+20.90
S Wood	15	10	7	3	-16.46
W Ryan	15	27	16	0	-89.06

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Races won	Level stake
J Berry	37	23	18	1	+76.11
R Hannon	24	18	12	3	+14.21
J Dunlop	20	7	6	1	+38.13
M Johnston	18	23	13	2	-11.61
C Hill	17	9	8	20	-4.56
D Chapman	15	7	7	2	-27.21
Mrs M Reveley	13	3	1	2	+23.05
W A O'Gorman	13	15	5	17	+11.24
R Hollinshead	13	17	15	1	-58.32
M Prescott	12	2	8	5	+4.64
R O'Sullivan	11	4	3	13	+12.75
T Barron	11	5	9	6	-15.71

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.00 Elsa. 2.30 Handy Lass. 3.00 Aldington Bell. 3.30 Pere Bazille. 4.00 Ocean Link. 4.30 Fresh-Mint.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Assaglawi.

GOING: FIRM

2.00 KENTON MAIDEN HURDLE
(£1,670: 2m 3f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 000 CRUISER TOO 11 S Cole 6-11-6 N Parker (7)
2 3-00 DRESS UP 13 (B) N Ayliffe 9-11-6 P Holley
3 PP46 DUNKERY BEACON 16 H Howe 7-11-6 A Charlton
4 445F HENLEY REGATTA 21 P Rodford 5-11-6 I Shoemark
5 -443 IL BAMBINO 12 H Manners 5-11-6 M Bosley
6 05UP JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 9 Mrs J Scrivens 10-11-6 G Upton
7 NO BOUNDARIES 1739F L Williams 7-11-6 R Farrant (5)
8 FP OTTER MILL 13 O Carter 5-11-6 Lorna Vincent
9 04- RELKONI 424 M Williams 6-11-6 N Mann
10 0 THE CHANCELLOR 184 Mrs J Retter 7-11-6 E Tierney
11 00-0 VALNAU 21 (B) M Pipe 6-11-6 M Foster
12 0P/ ABSENT MINDS 1138 B Young 7-11-1 Miss S Young (7)
13 PPPP CANOWINDRA 10 (B) C Jones 8-11-1 Geo Armytage
14 040 MINERS REST 33 P Hobbs 5-11-1 Mr G Lewis (7)
15 PP ROYAL HONEY BEE 10 P Wakely 5-11-1 Mr L Jefford (7)
16 -005 TEN DEEP 13 G Giddings 8-11-1 D Leahy (5)
17 3000 OATS N BARLEY 26 P Rodford 4-11-0 T Thompson (7)
18 5 ELSA 37F (V,BF) P Murphy 4-10-9 E Murphy

4-1 Il Bambino, 9-2 Miners Rest, 5-1 Valnau, 13-2 Henley Regatta, 8-1 No Boundaries, 12-1 Jay Jay's Voyage, 14-1 Dunkery Beacon, 20-1 others.

2.30 SOUTH-WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (£1,348: 2m 2f) (5)

1 5321 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 10 (B,G) M Williams 5-11-7 N Mann
2 0246 PRINCE VALMY 21 N Ayliffe 8-11-0 Mr G Lewis (7)
3 0/P0 TAILSPIN 16 (B) Mrs J Scrivens 8-11-0 G Upton
4 P004 BOLT OF GOLD 40 L Waring 5-10-9 Mrs J Waring
5 2526 HANDY LASS 5 Mrs A Knight 4-10-4 E Murphy

11-10 Ambassador Royale, 6-4 Handy Lass, 6-1 Prince Valmy, 16-1 others.

3.00 BRAMBLE NOVICES CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,593: 2m 2f) (13)

1 4604 KINGS RANK 21 (BF,B,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-12-0 M Foster
2 1121 ALDINGTON BELL 38 (B,F) C Trietline 10-11-10 G Upton
3 232U ABU MUSLAB 10 (F) G Edwards 9-11-8 Mr G Edwards
4 4P14 EMRYS 10 (F) D Burchell 10-11-7 D Leahy (5)
5 PP05 SHERWOOD FOX 202 Mrs J Wonnacott 6-11-4 Mr A Wonnacott
6 PP BALLINAMOE 109 R Buckler 8-11-2 J Neaves (7)
7 6353 KILKILMARTIN 21 (BF) H Manners 11-11-2 M Bosley
8 1004 WARNER FORPLEASURE 26 (B,F) P Hobbs 7-11-2 Mr G Lewis (7)
9 6000 DARING CLASS 10 (F) P Rodford 7-11-1 I Shoemark
10 6F3U KERRYS EYE 10 P Rodford 9-11-0 S Burrough
11 346P PANDORA'S PRIZE 9 (B,S) Mrs P Joynes 7-10-13 P Holley
12 6330 TAMBER LASS 40 R Frost 12-10-11 R Darke (7)
13 135P BARTONDALE 33 (F) J Bradley 8-10-9 R Farrant (5)

9-4 Kings Rank, 5-2 Emrys, 13-2 Abu Muslab, 8-1 Aldington Bell, 12-1 Sherwood Fox, Warner Forpleasure, 14-1 Bartondale, Kilkilmartin, 16-1 others.

3.30 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB SELLING HURDLE (£1,145: 2m 2f) (7)

1 3318 ON THE SAUCE 13 (B,F,S) M Pipe 8-12-0 M Foster
2 0F33 PERE BAZILLE 21 (V,F,G) P Nicholls 6-11-7 N Mann
3 0030 BELLING BELLING 10 C Jones 5-10-9 M Bosley
4 6036 STAPLEFORD LADY 10 R Manning 5-10-9 D Leahy (5)
5 38 BRENDA HUNT 10 J Moore 4-10-4 A Charlton
6 P330 MING BLUE 26 J Bradley 4-10-4 R Farrant (5)
7 4FF0 QUALITAIR IDOL 10 Mrs A Knight 4-10-4 W Sherry (7)

15-8 On The Sauce, 5-2 Pere Bazille, 6-1 Brenda Hunt, 8-1 Belling Belling, Stapleford Lady, 12-1 Ming Blue, 20-1 Qualitair Idol.

4.00 WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,236: 2m 7f 110yd) (9)

1 13P1 ASSAGLAWI 53 (D,F,G) Miss H Knight 11-12-0 Miss A Dare (5)
2 534U SPARTAN DANCER 17 (G) Mrs M Trickey 9-11-11 G Edwards (7)
3 /54- BEERA QUEST 355 (C,F) S Horn 14-11-6 Mrs C Wonnacott (7)
4 223P HEADIN' ON 26 (F,G) Mrs P Joynes 13-11-6 S Joynes (7)
5 P/F- MIDNIGHT MADNESS 364 (C,F,G,S) Mrs L Bloomfield 15-11-6 J Culloty (7)
6 2/FP OCEAN LINK 55 (BF) H Wellstead 9-11-6 A Farrant (5)
7 0P/ RIDE THE WIND 1152 D Heard 9-11-6 A Wonnacott (7)
8 -04P SKERRY MEADOW 23 (F,G) D Carter 9-11-6 J Widdicombe (7)
9 P-U0 AL-KHALIDA 34 (B,F) Mrs G Russell Holmes 9-11-1 Mrs G Russell Holmes (7)

4-5 Assaglawi, 6-1 Midnight Madness, Ocean Link, 10-1 Skerry Meadow, Spartan Dancer, 20-1 others.

4.30 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,208: 2m 2f) (10)

1 0300 NOBLE INSIGHT 30 (V,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-10 M Foster
2 6134 GLENSHANE LAD 12 (F,G) K Bailey 7-11-6 G Bazin (7)
3 -800 MIDNIGHT STRIKE 10 (B,C,D,F,S) M Williams 9-11-1 N Mann
4 10-P FRESH-MINT 5 (C,F,S) B Forsey 9-10-11 I Shoemark
5 0605 KASHAN 10 (B) J Bradley 5-10-4 Lorna Vincent
6 2F66 WINGCOMMANDER EATS 10 (B,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-3 Mr G Lewis (7)
7 P02P GALLEY BAY 11 (G) Mrs P Dutfield 7-10-1 P Holley
8 5045 TAYLORS CASTLE 10 (B) S Cole 6-10-0 G Upton
9 5354 CAROMANDOO 5 (V,G,S) A Barrow 5-10-0 T Thompson (7)
10 0050 LANE LAD 32 Mrs J Wonnacott 9-10-0 R Edwards (7)

5-2 Noble Insight, 7-2 Glenshane Lad, 6-1 Midnight Strike, 10-1 Fresh-Mint, Wingcommander Eats, 14-1 Galley Bay, 16-1 Caromandoo, Lane Lad, 20-1 others.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

2.05 Miliyel. 2.35 Master Muck. 3.05 Reltic. 3.35 They All Forgot Me. 4.05 Egypt Mill Prince. 4.35 Mailcom.

Brian Beel: 2.35 Master Muck.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.05 ROB BAILEY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,595: 2m) (11 runners)

1 P41U MAJORITY HOLDING 17 (BF,CD,F) J White 8-11-7 D Skyrme
2 04/0 BROWNSIDE BRIG 23 M Tompkins 8-11-0 P Smith Eccles (7)
3 4P0 CELTIC SPARK 20 K Bailey 5-11-0 S McNeill
4 0400 SHELLY'S FOLLY 2 R Hodges 8-11-0 R Supple
5 256- TRUE STEEL 387 C Brooks 7-11-0 G Bradley
6 PP WHERE ARE WE 23 D Williams 7-11-0 R Davis (5)
7 2132 MILIYEL 9 (BF,D,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-11 J Osborne
8 0-0P HUNTERS CLUB 47 G Pritchard-Gordon 5-10-9 R J Beggan
9 -0F0 PLENTIFUL 75 A Moore 7-10-9 J Clarke (7)
10 0043 QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 49 Mrs P Sly 5-10-9 A Carroll
11 /08 SAINTLY LASS 105 P Cundell 9-10-9 L Harvey

2-1 Miliyel, 11-4 True Steel, 7-2 Majority Holding, 6-1 Celtic Spark, 14-1 others.

2.35 BARWELL NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,067: 2m 6f) (6)

1 -211 QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN 20 (F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 9-13-0 C Wilson (7)
2 021P NELTAMA 21 (B,S) Miss C Saunders 9-12-7 A Sansome (7)
3 4313 ROYAL DAY 19 (CD,S) Miss C Saunders 7-12-7 R Russell (5)
4 0P-P LAD LANE 73 (F) J Whyte 9-12-0 M Gingell (7)
5 4403 MASTER MUCK 6 (S) N Twiston-Davies 10-12-0 T Jenks (5)
6 0F0- ROMANY GOLD 438 L Brown 7-11-9 L Brown (7)

2-1 Royal Day, 9-4 Neltama, 3-1 Master Muck, 9-2 Queen's Chaplain, 20-1 others.

3.05 BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,408: 3m) (14)

1 401U EARTH SUMMIT 9 (D,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-12 Mr T Jenks (5)
2 5213 SMITH TOO 21 (CD,F) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-9 M Pitman
3 1P03 BADASTAN 21 (BF,G) T Tate 4-11-2 G McCourt
4 2215 CAMBO 11 (BF,G,S) M Banks 7-11-1 D Skyrme
5 021P SHEAN ALAINN 37 (C,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-11 R Hodge
6 -024 BUDDY HOLLY 42 (F) J Old 8-10-11 T Grantham
7 3342 RUSSINSKY 21 G Bravery 6-10-8 R J Beggan
8 4445 THIS NETTLE DANGER 90 O Brennan 9-10-5 M Brennan
9 5250 LITTLEDALE 42 M Wilkinson 7-10-2 P Ward (7)
10 3144 GAELGOIR 15 (S) C Jackson 9-10-8 W Humphreys
11 56U1 RELTIC 17 (D,G) C Broad 6-10-0 A Ranaghan (7)
12 0835 ACROSS THE CARD 18 (B) A Moore 5-10-0 J Clarke (7)
13 442P MICRONOVA 44 T Thomson Jones 7-10-0 L Harvey
14 0003 SAINTHILLS SON 21 M Tate 8-10-0 R Massey (7)

7-4 Earth Summit, 5-1 Smith Too, 13-2 Smith Too, 7-1 Badastan, 14-1 others

3.35 FRED WITHINGTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,028: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 1F15 BOSTON ROVER 9 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-11-10 M Brennan
2 2356 DRIVING FORCE 11 (D,F,S) Miss M McCourt 7-11-8 G McCourt
3 P112 KNIGHT'S SPUR 16 (D,F,G) J Webber 6-11-0 R J Beggan
4 1-F3 BLUE BUCCANEER 16 (CD,G,S) T Forster 10-10-12 L Harvey
5 50-5 WOLFHANGAR 21 (D,F,G,S) Miss C Caroe 11-10-8 L O'Hara
6 R/35 ANDY BOY 8 (D,F) T Casey 9-10-3 J White
7 2442 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 6 (BF,CD,F,G) T Casey 6-10-2 G Bradley
8 3123 GENERAL MERCHANT 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 13-10-1 W Irvine
9 S425 RONOCCO 3 (D,F) Mrs S Williams 11-10-0 S McNeill
10 4454 MARKET LEADER 41 (D,F,G) R Lee 13-10-0 R Supple

5-2 Knight's Spur, 9-2 General Merchant, 5-1 Boston Rover, 7-1 They All Forgot Me, Blue Buccaneer, 8-1 Driving Force, 20-1 others.

4.05 WILCON HOMES NOVICES CHASE
(£2,291: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 -215 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 149 (F,S) (B,D) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-8 M Pitman
2 F51P PINTAIL BAY 13 (F,S) (B,D) C Brooks 7-11-6 G Bradley
3 30-B BE PATIENT MY SON 21 Miss C Caroe 12-11-2 L O'Hara
4 625F SOCIAL CLIMBER 9 (G,S) A Turnell 9-11-2 S McNeill
5 -243 STARLAP 2 R Hodges 9-11-2 W Irvine
6 532U TELL YOU WHAT 6 (F) T Casey 8-11-2 NON-RUNNER
7 3664 TITUS ANDRONICUS 23 N Gaselee 6-11-2 R Supple

1-2 Egypt Mill Prince, 4-1 Social Climber, 6-1 Pintail Bay, 10-1 Starlap, 12-1 Titus Andronicus, 33-1 Be Patient My Son.

4.35 TUDOR ROSE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,099: 2m 5f) (20)

1 1240 CHILD OF THE MIST 31 (CD,G,S) J Wayte 7-12-0 A Flannigan (7)
2 FFP1 MAILCOM 21 (D,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-9 L O'Hare (7)
3 46F3 FURRY KNOWE 9 (BF,S) Mrs F Walwyn 8-11-8 B de Haan
4 2205 SEA BUCK 12 (G,S) G Balding 7-11-5 R Davis (5)
5 0115 MR TAYLOR 20 (BF,CD,F,S) H Collingridge 8-11-4 C Huggan (7)
6 53-3 CHASMARELLA 15F (F,G) Miss S Gallie 8-10-3 L Harvey
7 F336 WICKET 12 (S) M Wilkinson 6-10-3 P Ward (7)
8 /141 MARSH'S LAW 21 (G,S) O Brennan 6-10-2 M Brennan
9 5662 CASTLE DIAMOND 59 (D,F) H Kavanagh 6-10-0 R J Beggan
10 26P6 RUBINS BOY 33 (F) S Sherwood 7-10-0 A S Smith
11 0456 LAVA FALLS 21 (C,F,G) M Banks 7-10-0 D Skyrme
12 2222 RHOMAN COIN 9 (BF,B,C,G) B Rothwell 5-10-0 R Supple
13 6005 ENBORNE LAD 20 (B,D,B,S) G Enright 9-10-0 R Moore (7)
14 2025 SMILES AHEAD 16 (G) P Bevan 5-10-0 R Hodge
15 0430 PERRY WELL 85 (B,C,G) K Bailey 9-10-0 S McNeill
16 -060 PECHE D'OR 13 (CD,F,G,S) H Haynes 9-10-0 S Keightley
17 6324 DESERT PALM 21 (F,G) B Hodges 6-10-0 W Irvine
18 -P53 AUTONOMOUS 26 (D,F) K Bridgwater 8-10-0 W Humphreys
19 -0PP MISTS OF TIME 10 (V,C,F,G) C Vernon Miller 10-10-0 L O'Hara
20 4F-0 STANE STREET 18 (G) R Phillips 5-10-0 Geo Armytage

4-1 Mailcom, 11-2 Wicket, 6-1 Marsh's Law, 7-1 Sea Buck, 10-1 Furry Knowe, Castle Diamond, 12-1 Mr Taylor, Chasmarella, 16-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.30 Le Metayer. 3.00 The Red One. 3.30 Suluk. 4.00 Acre Hill. 4.30 Cosmic Dancer. 5.00 Uncle Mogy.

GOING: GOOD (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER)

2.30 BECK NOVICES HURDLE
(All-weather: £3,054: 2m 2f) (6 runners)

1 2013 IN TRUTH 21 (CD,G) J Leigh 5-11-9 L Wyer
2 3112 LE METAYER 12 (G,S) K Bailey 5-11-9 J Railton
3 1611 ALCOY 19F (D,F) P Kelleway 4-11-4 A Bates (5)
4 1140 COURT CIRCULAR 11 (B,C) W Clay 4-11-4 J Kavanagh
5 0-62 TEMPERING 7F (BF) D Chapman 7-11-2 R Garritty
6 0-0 CREETOWN SARAH 19 W Mann 5-10-11 Gary Lyons

8-11 Le Metayer, 5-1 Court Circular, 7-1 Alcoy, In Truth, 10-1 others

3.00 DEVON NOVICES CHASE
(Turf: £3,611: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 V543 ARD T'MATCH 21 (V,G,S) A Forbes 8-11-8 Gary Lyons
2 P43P FLYING ZIAD 23 (F,G,S) R Curtis 10-11-8 G Crone (7)
3 F322 PINK GIN 38 (F,G,S) M Hammond 6-11-8 L Wyer
4 U1P1 THE RED ONE 9 (D,F,G,S) P Haley 9-11-8 Mr S Swiers
5 0-34 EVENING SUNSET 21 (B) C Smith 7-11-4 Mr K Green
6 54/ THE TALKER 825 R Weaver 8-11-4 J Kavanagh
7 P0P0 LANDSKER OATS 23 (F,G) Mrs P Sly 7-10-13 R Marley
8 -006 MARY O'REILLY 9 W Mann 8-10-13 Mr D Verco

4-6 The Red One, 5-1 Pink Gin, 7-1 Flying Ziad, 8-1 Ard T'Match, 16-1 others.

3.30 WITHAM CLAIMING HURDLE
(All-weather: £3,174: 2m) (10)

1 1211 SULUK 54 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 8-11-8 S Wynne (3)
2 15P- DOMAIN 6F (B,CD) R Weaver 5-11-6 J Kavanagh
3 6060 TALAB 6 (D,F) R Bennett 8-10-13 W Elderfield
4 D10- APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 7F (B,D,G) A Reid 6-10-12 M Ahern
5 0205 REZA 19F J Eyre 5-10-10 A Mulholland
6 0500 SPRING FORWARD 21 (B,D,F) Miss K George 9-10-10 S Smith Eccles
7 3205 BABY ASHLEY 16 (CD) D Morris 7-10-9 L Wyer
8 R00U ELISSA 9 G Kelly 7-10-7 P Johnson (7)
9 00P6 PARISIENNE KING 86F (V) R Marvin 4-10-6 Mrs M Morris
10 4P CULTURE SHOCK 27 M Johnston 4-10-0 S Taylor (7)

11-10 Suluk, 9-2 Applianceofscience, 6-1 Domain, 10-1 Baby Ashley, Spring Forward, 16-1 Talab, 20-1 others.

4.00 SAM DERRY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Turf: £4,163: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 2130 ACRE HILL 46 (F,G) N Henderson 9-11-10 J Kavanagh
2 2612 MEGA BLUE 21 (CD,BF,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-10-2 C Woodall (7)
3 4223 SIMPLE PLEASURE 12 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Stirk 8-10-0 A Orkney
4 1220 TIGERS PET 41 (CD,BF,F,G) W Bissill 9-10-0 S Smith Eccles
5 PP6P TRENTSIDE VALOUR 37 (B) C Smith 8-10-0 M Ranger

7-4 Mega Blue, 5-2 Acre Hill, 7-2 Tigers Pet, 4-1 Simple Pleasure, 20-1 Trentside Valour.

4.30 GREET HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £4,449: 3m) (11)

1 3316 TALLYWAGGER 20 (D,F,G) G Moore 6-11-10 N Stocks (7)
2 P612 POLISHING 20 (V,D,F,G,S) M Hammond 6-11-3 L Wyer
3 2111 COSMIC DANCER 54 (B,C) S Woods 6-11-0 A Carroll
4 0226 HARD TO HOLD 10 (C,F,G,S) A Hambly 10-10-13 Mr A Hambly
5 215P CARFAX 21 (D,G,S) R Hoad 8-10-4 M Hoad
6 -52P SAILOR BOY 44 (B) A Reid 7-10-1 M Ahern
7 1211 KHOJOHN 21 (CD,F,S) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-0 C Woodall (7)
8 1P00 HIGH FINANCE 110 (C,G) R Weaver 8-10-0 J Kavanagh
9 53FP RED COLUMBIA 37 (G,S) F Coton 12-10-0 Mrs G Adkin
10 -FP3 SPRINGVALE CRUSADE 21 (V,S) L Codd 10-10-0 P Maddock (7)
11 0554 GLENSTAL PRIORY 9 F Gibson 6-10-0 F Perratt (7)

11-4 Tallywagger, 4-1 Hard To Hold, 9-2 Cosmic Dancer, Polishing, 7-1 Carfax, 10-1 Sailor Boy, 16-1 High Finance, Khojohn, 20-1 others.

5.00 FLEET NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(All-weather: £3,314: 2m) (11)

1 6051 FRISCO CITY 3 (G) Mrs M Rimell 7-12-0 (6ex) Mr M Rimell (7)
2 151U SECRET SUMMIT 21 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) A Forbes 7-11-10 T Eley (5)
3 2U13 UNCLE MOGY 30 (F) D Nicholson 7-11-9 R Bellamy
4 P531 SOUTHEND UNITED 26 (D,S) J Upson 7-11-9 Mr T Byrne (7)
5 6223 KEEP SHARP 44 (BF) Mrs S Smith 7-11-6 L Wyer
6 3505 FLING IN SPRING 9 (B) J McConnochie 7-11-2 NON-RUNNER
7 4004 JUST A MEMORY 2 (B,F) C Trietline 7-11-1 R Marley
8 P5-4 SLEEPLINE ROMANY 119 T Thomson Jones 8-11-1 S Smith Eccles
9 034/ BALLYNICK 744 (F) N Henderson 9-11-1 J Kavanagh
10 0424 FASTBIT 13 K Bailey 6-11-1 J Railton
11 PPP FRUHMAN 21 Mrs S Smith 7-11-1 Gary Lyons

7-4 Uncle Mogy, 5-1 Southend United, 11-2 Keep Sharp, 6-1 Secret Summit, 10-1 Frisco City, 12-1 others.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

2.30 Prince Tino. 3.05 Fluidity. 3.35 Tochenka. 4.05 Star Of The Glen. 4.35 Nougat Russe. 5.05 Kano Warrior.

GOING: FIRM

2.30 ONIBURY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,861: 2m) (9 runners)

1 3231 PRINCE TINO 16 (D,F) N Gaselee 5-11-7 J Osborne
2 4312 STORM DRUM 11 (B,S) K Bailey 4-11-2 N Williamson
3 0 GAYLIGHT 18 J Holcombe 6-11-1 D Ford (7)
4 PPPP JON'S CHOICE 37 B Preece 5-11-1 N Juckes (7)
5 FRUP LLES LE BUCFLOW 21 F Jordan 5-11-1 J Lodder
6 0 PIMS CLASSIC 21 J Harris 5-11-1 J A Harris
7 0 STANDISH 21 B Baugh 5-11-1 T Wall
8 U332 THE POINT IS 32 F Yardley 6-11-1 D Byrne
9 P0 WILLOW BELLE 9 E Buckley 5-10-10 H Davies

Evens Prince Tino, 6-5 Storm Drum, 8-1 Gaylight, The Point Is, 20-1 others

3.05 GREAT HAY SELLING HURDLE
(£1,700: 2m) (20)

1 6141 FLUIDITY 38 (D,F) E Buckley 5-11-11 H Davies
2 14-P HARRY LIME 23 (D,F,S) C Bridgett 8-11-11 Mr R Ford
3 2640 SANDHURST PARK 21 (B,D,G,S) K Clutterbuck 8-11-11 A Wingate (7)
4 3500 CASTLERICHARDKING 172 (G) R Juckes 8-11-6 Martin Jones
5 PRPP GRONDOLA 17 (D,F) D Burchell 8-11-6 Mr N Miles
6 2345 OTHET 32 (D,F) Mrs S Williams 9-11-6 N Hawke
7 6PPP ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 54 B Preece 5-11-1 T Wall
8 50P- BOLD IMP 410 P Leach 6-11-1 S Hodgson
9 06-P BULLY BOY 142 (F) M Usher 10-11-1 I Lawrence
10 0005 DERRYMOSS 21 (B) M Pipe 7-11-1 D Richmond (5)
11 6-0P GILBERT 21 D Carey 5-11-1 I Lawrence
12 4000 GREEN'S SEAGO 7F J Harris 5-11-1 J A Harris
13 0P-P MUMMY'S SONG 192 (D,F) J Harriman 8-11-1 M Hourigan (3)
14 3406 PASSO ALL'ERTA 6 (D,S) D Deacon 10-11-1 W Marston (3)
15 2005 RUTHS PRIDE 17 (D,G) G Price 8-11-1 D Salter (7)
16 2P35 SALAR'S SPIRIT 2 W G M Turner 7-11-1 John McCabe (7)
17 P HANNAH BROWN 32 (V) J O'Shea 5-10-10 Mr N Bradley (7)
18 00 NEVENTER 27F M Chapman 4-10-10 W Worthington
19 -P60 PROSPECT OF WHITBY 110 P Pritchard 7-10-10 D Bridgwater
20 0043 THEM TIMES 38 F Jordan 4-10-5 J Lodder

2-1 Fluidity, 5-1 Salar's Spirit, 11-2 Othet, 7-1 Sandhurst Park, 8-1 Them Times, 10-1 Passo All'erta, 16-1 others.

3.35 LUDLOW GOLF CLUB HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,116: 3m) (6)

1 3PF1 COE 44 (B,D,F,G) R Alnhurst 7-11-10 J Osborne
2 530P PROPLUS 31 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 11-11-5 N Williamson
3 -112 TOCHENKA 9 (BF,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-5 C Llewellyn
4 64P0 SIR NODDY 21 (D,F) C Vernon Miller 10-10-7 M Hourigan (3)
5 UU25 GREY TORNADO 32 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs S Williams 12-10-2 N Hawke
6 0P-P DREAMCOAT 10 (F,S) R Lee 12-10-0 D Bridgwater

11-8 Tochenka, 2-1 Coe, 11-4 Proplus, 14-1 Sir Noddy, 25-1 Dreamcoat.

4.05 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,808: 2m) (14)

1 0125 STAR OF THE GLEN 16 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-11 I Lawrence
2 554F SAN LORENZO 11 (D,G,S) K Bailey 5-11-7 J Osborne
3 011P MARIOLINO 10 (D,F,S) P Leach 6-10-11 S Hodgson
4 P114 DONOSTI 10 (D,F,G) R Lee 9-10-6 D Byrne
5 2020 CHELWORTH RAIDER 41 (D,F,G) J Spearing 7-10-2 H Davies
6 2544 LUSTREMAN 30 (D,F,G) J Peacock 6-10-0 W Marston (3)
7 3350 CHARLIE DICKINS 10 (CD,S) J Harris 9-10-0 J A Harris
8 P16P SALMONID 33 (D,G) Miss K Allison 7-10-0 M Hourigan (3)
9 2400 BALAAT 21 (F) M Chapman 5-10-0 W Worthington
10 3154 NEVER FORGOTTEN 160 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 8-10-0 D Bridgwater
11 1030 SECRET LIASON 12 (B,D,G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 J Lodder
12 /06P PRINCE JUAN 94 (D,S) M Bradstock 6-10-0 C Llewellyn
13 1200 JAMESTOWN BOY 37 (B,D,F,G,S) B Preece 5-10-0 T Wall
14 2F33 WILL JAMES 10 (B,D,F,G) C Drewe 7-10-0 N Williamson

9-4 Mariolino, 9-2 San Lorenzo, 5-1 Donosti, 11-2 Star Of The Glen, 13-2 Never Forgotten, 12-1 Lustreman, 16-1 others.

4.35 RED CROSS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,619: 3m) (9)

1 31PF SANDSTONE ARCH 2 (F) T Caldwell 10-11-12 Pat Caldwell
2 121U NOUGAT RUSSE 6 (CD,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 12-11-12 D Bridgwater
3 P013 FENTON BRIDGE 21 (B,D,BF,F,S) A Turnell 9-11-8 D Ford (7)
4 0BF2 NATHAN BLAKE 2 (B,BF,F,G) K Bailey 8-11-8 J Osborne
5 U3P4 POWDER BOY 10 (D,F,G) Mrs J Dawe 8-10-12 D Salter (7)
6 -4F0 RYTON GUARD 94 S Christian 8-10-8 N Williamson
7 0F20 LOVER BILL 33 (B) M Wilkinson 11-10-8 S J O'Neill
8 5430 HAWWAR 18 Mrs A King 6-10-5 C Llewellyn
9 -0U3 STAR OF KUWAIT 53 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 9-10-5 N Hawke

15-8 Nougat Russe, 5-2 Fenton Bridge, 3-1 Nathan Blake, 8-1 Powder Boy, 12-1 Sandstone Arch, 20-1 others.

5.05 ST JOHNS' NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,987: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 13 JAWANI 53 (F) J Scargill 5-11-8 C Llewellyn
2 40P1 MICKEEN 16 (F,G) Miss H Knight 6-11-8 J Osborne
3 0312 STRONG MEDICINE 41 (F) K Bailey 6-11-8 N Williamson
4 P03P BALLAD RULER 42 P Pritchard 7-11-2 D Bridgwater
5 0352 KANO WARRIOR 10 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 D Bridgwater
6 4424 MOURNE WARRIOR 226 K White 10-11-2 A O'Hagan
7 0-0B PEARLY FLIGHT 11 R Eckley 6-11-2
8 P5P4 SPIN THE COIN 10 B Preece 7-11-2 M Hourigan (3) T Wall

15-8 Mickeen, 5-2 Kano Warrior, 5-1 Jawani, 6-1 Strong Medicine, 16-1 others.

Zafonic takes high rank after scintillating win

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

ZAFONIC was officialy rated on a par with the legendary Dancing Brave yesterday following his outstanding 2,000 Guineas triumph at Newmarket on Saturday.

The French colt not only bettered the 45-year-old Rowley mile course record but also enjoyed the widest winning margin in the classic since Nearula's four-length success in 1953.

Only El Gran Senor, who beat Chief Singer, the subsequent runaway winner of the St James's Palace Stakes and July Cup in the vintage year of 1984, is rated a superior Guineas champion.

With Andre Fabre predicting yesterday that the best of Zafonic is still to come, there is every chance that the Khaled Abdulla-owned colt could prove to be one of the great milers of all time. Another dream has begun.

Certainly those who witnessed Zafonic's performance on Saturday, symbolically heralded minutes earlier by a flash of lightning and roll of thunder which echoed over Newmarket's open heath, were left in no doubt that they had been privileged to see a special horse.

All sports need celebrities and effortless speed, so often the fountain head of stardom, is the hallmark of Zafonic.

His three-and-a-half length success from Barathea, in the record time of 1min 35.32secs, may underline the value of his performance, but it was the style of his victory which is likely to endear the physically-imposing colt to many outside the narrow world of racing.

Despite a furious early pace, set by Silver Wizard and Nominator, Zafonic appeared to almost canter from last place, after half a mile, to briefly shadow Barathea in the lead before quickening in stunning fashion to complete a rout.

"I picked him up in a couple of strides and it was all over," Pat Eddery said yesterday. Eddery, who partnered both Dancing Brave and El Gran Senor to Guineas success, said he knew victory was his for the taking within 100 yards of the starting gates opening. Fears about Zafonic expending his energy by pulling too hard early on proved unfounded as he settled perfectly at the back of the field.

"He has got to be one of the best horses I have ridden. This fellow has everything, speed and power. He is simply a machine on the right ground," Eddery said.

Fabre, never one to over-egg the pudding, believes Zafonic is the best horse he has handled, while the even more retiring Abdulla professed after the race: "I think this horse is something special. I would like to believe that he is even better than Dancing Brave."

For the moment, Zafonic must share the exceptional rating of 130, also awarded to Dancing Brave following his 1986 Guineas victory.

Richard Dangar, the Jockey Club handicapper who rates milers, has raised Barathea, Saturday's runner-up, by 10lb to 122 — equivalent to a Guineas winning performance in a normal year.

"Saturday's performance by Zafonic was of exceptional merit. It was not just his winning margin, but the confident ride he was given, the way he quickened and the manner of his victory," Dangar added. "Track records are normally broken on firm or good to firm ground (My Babu's record time in the 1948 2,000 Guineas was set on hard going) and the official going on Saturday was good, which makes it all the more meritorious."

Despite a minor problem with a jarred shoulder during the winter, Zafonic has proved relatively easy to train. Fabre has overcome the horse's excessive keenness in the mornings by employing the talents of Jean-Luc Llorens, a top National Hunt jockey.

Looking to the future, Fabre is hopeful Zafonic will continue to improve. "I was always surprised to hear comments last year that he was a precocious horse. Obviously he was not. He was a big baby who needed to fill out, so I think he has more improvement in him yet."

BIG-RACE DETAILS

3.40 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group 1) (3-Y-O colts & fillies: £110,871: 1m)

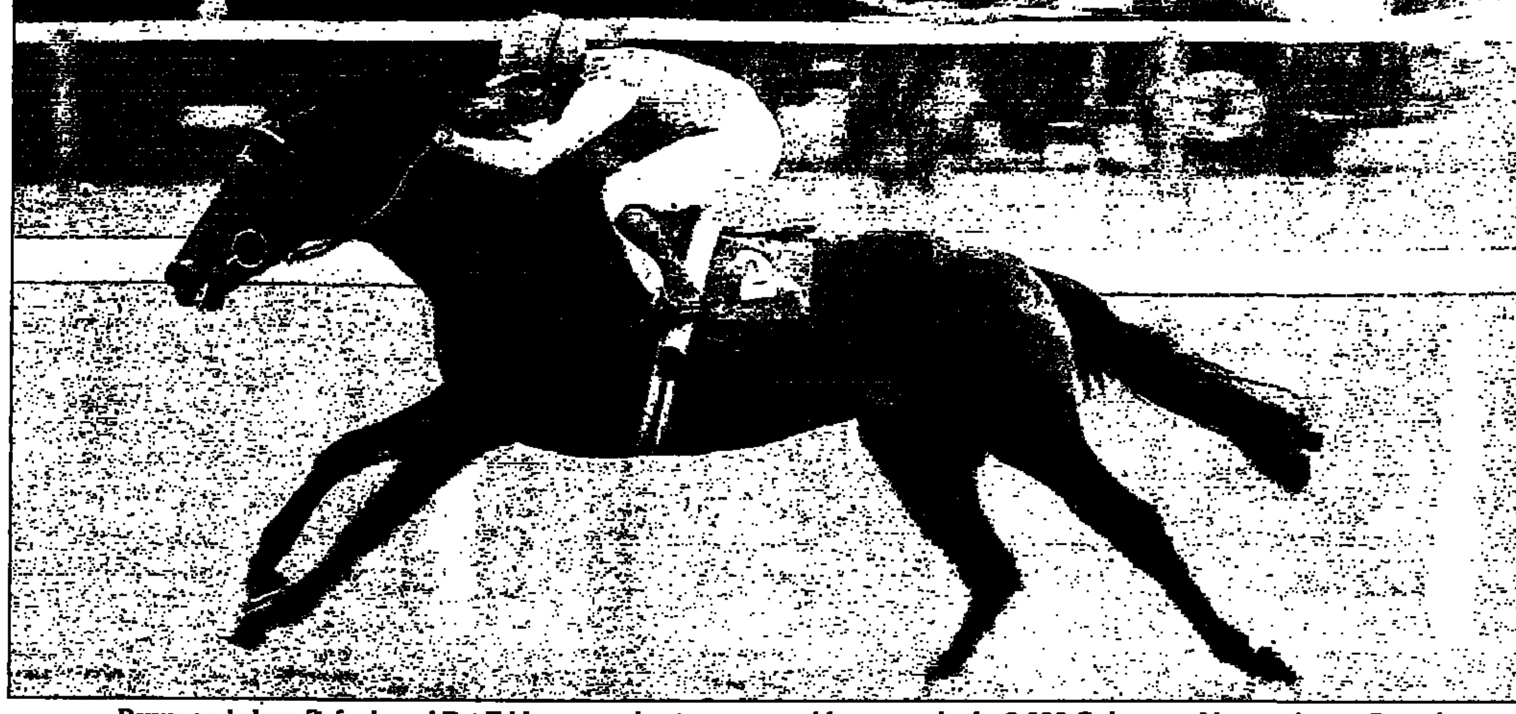
ZAFONIC br c Gone West - Zaizafon (K Abdulla) 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-6 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating) 1.

Barathea b c Sadler's Wells - Brocade (Shaikh Mohammed) 9-0 M Roberts (10-1) 2.

Bin Ajwaad b c Rainbow Quest - Salidar (A Merza) 9-0 B Raymond (66-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 7 Wharf, 9 Cheddleworth, 11 Inchinor (6th), 30 Emperor Jones, Right Win, Pembroke, 25 Silver Wizard (5th), 33 Ivory Frontier, Revelation, 66 Petardia (4th), 100 Nominator. 14 ran. NR: Resist The Force. 3½l, 3l, 1½l, nk, nk. A Fabre in France. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £3.00, £7.70. DF: £8.60. Trio: £267.90. CSF: £10.20. 1min 35.32sec

ED BYRNE



Power and glory: Zafonic and Pat Eddery storming to a memorable success in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday

Abdulla aims for Breeders' Cup glory

By Richard Evans

CAN Zafonic succeed where Dancing Brave and Warning failed against the top American horses in the Breeders' Cup?

Immediately after the 2,000 Guineas on Saturday, winning owner, Khaled Abdulla nominated the Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita, California in November as Zafonic's principal target.

Dancing Brave and Warning both failed to give their running in the Breeders' Cup following typically hectic European campaigns, and Abdulla and his team of advisors have learned the benefits of sending a lightly-raced and fresh horse.

With that in mind, Zafonic's European schedule this summer is likely to be restricted to Royal Ascot, the favourite event of Abdulla after the classics, and France's top mile race, the all-aged Jacques le Marois, at Deauville in August.

Remarkably, Abdulla did not buy his first racehorse until 1977. Since then he has concentrated on quality rather than quantity and the off-spring from his 150 broodmares, based in the United States, Ireland and Newmarket, provide him with some of the best racehorses in the world.

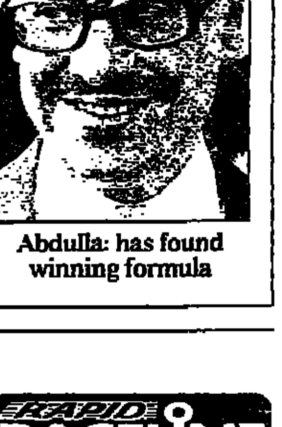
His formula is simple. Breed the best with the best and rather than just hoping for the best, minimise the risk factor by using top jockeys, trainers and listening to the best racing brains.

The late Jeremy Tree, who trained Abdulla's first classic winner, Known Fact, proved an invaluable advisor until his death earlier this year, and he played a crucial role in Saturday's success by suggesting, in his own inimitable way, the mating arrangements which produced Zafonic.

Zaizafon, an Abdulla home-bred trained by Barry Hills, had already been mated to Mr Prospector and Secretariat and Abdulla's breeding experts were dithering over the next sire.

"I don't understand your problem" Tree said: "Find a stallion by Mr Prospector out of a Secretariat mare. It is staring you in the face." Indeed, it was.

Alice Chandler, whose husband John is president of Abdulla's US breeding operation, stands the stallion in question, Gone West, in Kentucky. Apart from being closely related to Known Fact, two shares in Gone West are actually owned by Abdulla.



Abdulla: has found winning formula

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PORT SUNLIGHT (3.40 Kempton)

NB: Northern Celadon (2.20 Doncaster)

Port Sunlight appeals off attractive mark

HAYDOCK PARK

BBC2

12.50: In a race which makes limited betting appeal, it may be worth taking a risk with **Ruling**, who is running over three miles for the first time. He can outstay Sweet Duke and Pragada.

1.25: Bold Boss put up his best performance when carrying top weight to victory for his sixth success at Ayr recently. Having bypassed the Punchestown festival, he must be feared but the improving **Albemine** can take advantage of the 27lb he receives.

2.00: Jinxy Jack, Olympian and Spinning are all front-runners and may cut each other's throats. Bitofabanter landed a gamble when winning this race last year and Arthur Moore's hurdler could repeat the feat. However, **Land Afar** has shown dramatic improvement and may be worth an each-way investment.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

KEMPTON PARK

C4

2.40: The progressive **Long Silence**, who ran her best race when a creditable third to Allegan at Nottingham on her seasonable debut, should take this. Durshan, twice a winner in Ireland last season, rates the main danger.

3.10: Having run in group company on her last four outings, including a close fourth to Niche in the Nell Gwyn Stakes, Toocando should appreciate this drop in class. **Brockton Dancer** may take advantage if the selection is below-par.

3.40: Port Sunlight, only 2lb higher than when winning at Goodwood last May, has sound prospects. High Low, last year's Lincoln winner, is back on a reasonable handicap mark, but appears best over a straight mile and the biggest danger could be Chatham Island.

4.10: Dramanice has improved with every run, most notably when beaten just over a length by the highly-regarded Lower Egypt at Newmarket 18 days ago. A reproduction of that form should be good enough. Darecliff boasts decent form but may appreciate further.

Richard Evans

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 Tap On Air. 2.40 Matching Green. 3.10 Toocando. 3.40 **PORT SUNLIGHT** (nap). 4.10 Gone Troppo. 4.40 Pondering. 5.10 Moon Watch.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 High Low. 4.10 Gone Troppo.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 **TOOCANDO**.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.10 SPORTING BEARS MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,728: 1m) (16 runners)

101 (6) ALASKAN PRINCESS (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ..... T Quinn –
102 (4) 0- ALTA VICTORIA 185 (Mrs J Baker) R Charlton 8-11 ..... S Raymond –
103 (9) 4-3 ANEESATI 19 (M Obaida) C Brittain 8-11 ..... B Doyle (5) 94
104 (11) 30- ARAADH 187 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ..... R Hills 89
105 (14) 2- DUKRAME 237 (F Goulandris) H Candy 8-11 ..... W Newnes 87
106 (2) 060- GABHADERA 297 (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 8-11 ..... S Whitworth –
107 (3) 0- GLINT OF AYR 203 (Wellpark Partners) W Muir 8-11 ..... A Clark –
108 (5) 0- HAVEN OF LOVE 184 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 ..... Michael Hunt (7) –
109 (16) 6 KEEP SAFE 25 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 ..... D Biggs –
110 (10) 0- KENESHA 189 (R Hawthorn) S Dow 8-11 ..... C Rutter –
111 (1) 3 MISS KINABALU 20 (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-11 ..... Paul Eddery 88
112 (15) 00- SUPPER WITH SUSIE 212 (M Everett) D Wilson 8-11 ..... Sharon Millard (7) –
113 (7) 06004- SWISS MOUNTAIN 196 (P Goulandris) D Laing 8-11 ..... S O'Gorman 80
114 (8) TAP ON AIR (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ..... M Roberts –
115 (12) 2- TOCHAR BAN 187 (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 8-11 ..... J Williams ●
116 (13) 0- ZANZE 184 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ..... R Cochrane 80

BETTING: 7-2 Tochar Ban, 4-1 Tap On Air, 6-1 Alaskan Princess, Aneesati, 10-1 Dukrame, Miss Kinabalu, 12-1 Zanze, 14-1 Araadh, Keep Safe, 16-1 Alta Victoria, 20-1 others

1992: MUHIT 8-11 W Carson (6-1) P Walwyn 8 ran

2.40 HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH SPORT CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,143: 1m 6f) (7 runners) — C4

201 (3) 5-51000 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 10 (V,G) (Mrs S Crowe) S Dow 4-8-13 ..... M Roberts 94
202 (6) 40121/0 CHAKALAK 13 (D,F) (P Craido) S Dow 5-8-12 ..... T Quinn 75
203 (2) 102-024 DURSHAN 4 (F,G) (Bousspmn) J Jenkins 4-8-10 ..... Pat Eddery 95
204 (4) 2110/ BALADIYA 54J (G,S) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 6-8-5 ..... Stephen Davies (5) –
205 (1) 00-4060 INTRICACY 6 (D,G) (R Beranson) C C Elsey 5-6-5 ..... W Newnes 78
206 (7) 0412-3 LONG SILENCE 14 (S) (W Farish) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-5 ..... Paul Eddery ●
207 (5) 033030- MATCHING GREEN 189 (S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-8-5 ..... J Williams 88

BETTING: 4-5 Long Silence, 3-1 Matching Green, 5-1 Durshan, 10-1 Chakalak, 12-1 Baladiya, Native Cheftain, 14-1 Intricacy

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CHAKALAK beat Sarsta Grai 2½l in 10-runner Southwell (AW, 1m 6f) handicap on penultimate start. DURSHAN 6½l 4th of 7 to Crystal Cross in Salisbury (1m 6f, good) handicap. BALADIYA beat Gliding Musician head in 10-runner Roscommon (1m 4f, heavy) stakes race on penultimate Flat start. INTRICACY disappointing since 7l 4th of 12 to Steppey Lane in Southwell (AW, 1m 6f) handicap in March. LONG SILENCE 4½l 3rd of 5 to Allegan in Nottingham (1m 6f, good) stakes race. MATCHING GREEN 5¾l 3rd of 19 to Statajack in Chepstow (1m 4f, soft) handicap on penultimate start.
Selection: LONG SILENCE

3.10 SHIELD CLUB CONDITIONS STAKES — C4
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,231: 6f) (8 runners)

301 (5) 0-11 CRIME OFTHECENTURY 13 (G,S) (C Wright) P Cole 9-0 ..... T Quinn 89
302 (3) 316-6 MAGIQUE ROND POINT 20 (G) (O Irsbid) H Cecil 9-0 ..... W Ryan 86
303 (6) 11323-4 TOOCANDO 20 (G) (Acorn Bloodstock) C Allen 8-10 ..... R Cochrane ●
304 (1) 2050- AUNTIE GINGER 229 (Mrs G Oakley) P Butler 8-8 ..... M Roberts 51
305 (2) 316053- BROCKTON DANCER 205 (D,F) (Mrs D La Trobe) R Hannon 8-8 ..... L Piggott 91
306 (7) 060- DESERT NOMAD 214 (Eurostrat Ltd) S Dow 8-8 ..... C Rutter 55
307 (4) 524- GOLDEN GUEST 195 (Exors of Mrs V Hue-Williams) Mrs J Cecil 8-8 Paul Eddery 89
308 (8) 2120-2 YAKIN 13 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 ..... R Hills 92

BETTING: 6-4 Toocando, 7-2 Magique Rond Point, 5-1 Crime Ofthecentury, Yakin, 10-1 Brockton Dancer, 14-1 Golden Guest, 33-1 Auntie Ginger, 50-1 Desert Nomad

1992: VAILMONT 9-3 R Cochrane (11-2) I Balding 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRIME OFTHECENTURY beat YAKIN (3lb better off) 3l in 4-runner Folkestone (5f, good to soft) stakes race. TOOCANDO 3½l 4th of 8 to Niche in group III Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good) with MAGIQUE ROND POINT (4lb worse off) 4½l 6th. Last season finished ½l 2nd of 7 to Sayyedati in group III Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good). BROCKTON DANCER 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Rain Brother in York (6f, good) listed race. GOLDEN GUEST 6½l 4th of 12 to Ivory Palm in Chepstow (7f, soft) maiden.
Selection: TOOCANDO (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	7	29	24.1	Pat Eddery	38	184	20.7
R Charlton	9	43	20.9	W Ryan	6	41	14.6
J Fanshawe	5	29	17.2	M Roberts	20	160	12.5
J Gosden	13	80	16.3	R Cochrane	20	178	11.2
L Cumani	7	43	16.3	D Harrison	4	37	10.8
M Stoute	11	70	15.7	P Doyle	3	28	10.7

3.40 SPARKS JUBILEE HANDICAP — C4
(£17,757: 1m) (13 runners)

401 (6) 121183- TAPIS ROUGE 203 (G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-13 ..... M Roberts 98
402 (13) 01/01-0 DAWNING STREET 16 (CD,G) (Windflower Holdings) J Dunlop 5-9-3 Pat Eddery 89
403 (9) 004-430 PAY HOMAGE 16 (D,F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 5-9-1 ..... L Piggott 98
404 (6) 5552-83 ROYAL SEATON 16 (G,S) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 4-9-1 S Whitworth 97
405 (10) 310-4 AJZEM 27 (D,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-1 ..... Paul Eddery 87
406 (12) 115600- MISS HAGGIS 248 (D,F,G) (P Asquith) R Boss 4-8-11 ..... W Ryan 89
407 (3) 0100-54 NEPTUNE'S PET 16 (D,F,G) (K Symonds and Partners) G Lewis 5-8-10 J Reid 96
408 (5) 34140-2 COOL LUKE 27 (S) (B Batey) G Moore 4-8-9 ..... W Newnes 98
409 (1) 400000- HIGH LOW 198 (D,F,G) (B Haggas) W Haggas 5-8-8 ..... J Quinn 92
410 (11) 00/431-0 PORT SUNLIGHT 16 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 5-8-7 ..... R Cochrane 90
411 (7) 222/5 WILSONIC 10 (J Morrison) M Johnston 4-8-5 ..... T Quinn 86
412 (4) 1051-00 HIGHLAND MAGIC 5 (C,G) (Miss N Carroll) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-2 C Rutter ●
413 (2) 3551-10 CHATHAM ISLAND 38 (D,F,G) (B Vesk) C Brittain 5-7-10 ..... B Doyle (5) 95

BETTING: 4-1 Dawning Street, 6-1 Cool Luke, Tapis Rouge, 7-1 Royal Seaton, 8-1 Ajzem, High Low, 10-1 Highland Magic, Neptune's Pet, Port Sunlight, 12-1 Wilsonic, 14-1 others.

1992: VENUS OBSERVED 4-9-1 Antoinette Armes (14-1) H Candy 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAPIS ROUGE 1½l 3rd of 5 to Caspian Tern in Leicester (1m 2f, good to soft) stakes race. DAWNING STREET beat Piquant 3½l in 19-runner handicap over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. ROYAL SEATON 2l 3rd of 20 to Tissisat in Newbury (1m, good) handicap with NEPTUNE'S PET (3lb better off) 2½l 4th, PORT SUNLIGHT (3lb better off) 2½l 8th, DAWNING STREET (3lb better off) 1½l 10th, PAY HOMAGE (4lb better off) 3½l 12th and HIGHLAND MAGIC (4lb better off) 3 14th. COOL LUKE 1½l 2nd of 13 to Lift The Lucky in Pontefract (1m, good) handicap with PAY HOMAGE (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd. HIGHLAND MAGIC 4l 9th of 22 to Tender Moment in Ascot (7f, good) handicap. CHATHAM ISLAND beat Amenable 3l in 12-runner Lingfield (AW, 1m) handicap on penultimate start with PAY HOMAGE (6lb better off) head and short-head 4th.
Selection: ROYAL SEATON

4.10 CLASSIC CARS MAIDEN STAKES — C4
(3-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,523: 1m) (18 runners)

501 (11) 3- AJMAAN 186 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 ..... M Roberts 79
502 (17) 0 BELFRY GREEN 16 (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 9-0 ..... A Clark –
503 (14) BRAVE HERO (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ..... D Biggs –
504 (15) 0- CALIBRATE 199 (N Stafford) B Meehan 9-0 ..... W Newnes –
505 (3) 3-3 COMPLETE MADNESS 38 (BF) (C Wright) J Hills 9-0 ..... R Hills 94
506 (2) 235- DARECLIFF 254 (A Lalleri) R Hannon 9-0 ..... J Reid ●
507 (7) 44-3 DRAMANICE 18 (W Farish) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ..... L Piggott 98
508 (5) 0-0 FASHIONABLE DANCER 18 (M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 ..... B Doyle (5) 80
509 (1) 5-0 GLEN ECHO 18 (S Cohn) G Harwood 9-0 ..... T Quinn 89
510 (4) GONE TROPPO (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 ..... W Ryan –
511 (16) 0-0 HARD EIGHT 25 (M Hawkes) A Stewart 9-0 ..... S Whitworth –
512 (6) 000035- HILLSDOWN BOY 160 (V) (Mrs S Crowe) S Dow 9-0 ..... C Rutter 54
513 (13) 50 IMPERIAL TOKAY 16 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 ..... D Harrison (3) 80
514 (8) JURA FOREST (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 9-0 ..... Paul Eddery –
515 (12) 0 LIVONIAN 20 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ..... J Williams –
516 (18) 3- NAIF 199 (Sultan Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 91
517 (9) 4 PREROGATIVE 16 (The Queen) I Balding 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 94
518 (10) 5 SHARAAR 19 (A Al Jalleh) W Haggas 9-0 ..... N Day 90

BETTING: 7-2 Naif, 5-1 Dramanice, Sharaar, 6-1 Prerogative, 8-1 Complete Madness, 10-1 others.

1992: CAMBRIAN 9-0 J Reid (6-1) Mrs J Cecil 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

AJMAAN 7½l 3rd of 13 to Revere in Nottingham (1m, good to soft) maiden. COMPLETE MADNESS 10½l 3rd of 11 to Thunder River in Doncaster (7f, good to firm) maiden with IMPERIAL TOKAY 5l 5th. DARECLIFF 4½l 5th of 11 to Sharpah in Sandown (1m, good to soft) graduation race. DRAMANICE 1l 3rd of 18 to Lower Egypt in Newmarket (7f, good) maiden with GLEN ECHO 5l 8th and FASHIONABLE DANCER 5l 12th. NAIF 4l 3rd of 14 to Felucca in Newmarket (6f, good to firm) maiden with DRAMANICE neck 4th and CALIBRATE 11l 12th. PREROGATIVE 5¼l 4th of 22 to Planetary Aspect in Newbury (1m, good) maiden with IMPERIAL TOKAY 10l 10th and BELFRY GREEN 5l 14th.
Selection: PREROGATIVE

4.40 SUPPORT SPARKS SELLING STAKES (£3,442: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

601 (18) 1/0100-6 HELLO MY DARLING 19 (F,S) (Fayzad Thoroughbred Ltd) W Muir 5-9-13 T Quinn 88
602 (7) 5205/00 ICE MAGIC 21 (G) (F Yardley) F Yardley 6-9-13 ..... W Ryan –
603 (16) 160/00/ LOCH DUICH 168J (D,F) (P Slade) R Hodges 7-9-13 ..... R Cochrane –
604 (5) 030/ MALLYPHA 18J (B,D,F) (S Whiting) P Howling 9-9-13 ..... N Day –
605 (3) 000-400 PONDERED BID 7 (B,G,S) (A Penney) Pat Mitchell 9-9-13 ..... S Whitworth –
606 (6) 50/ COMMANCHERO 10J (J Mersell) R Hodges 6-9-10 ..... J Reid –
607 (13) 453/0/0- HUNTED 139J (R Stene) Miss S Gallie 6-9-10 ..... C Rutter –
608 (11) 05-000 LAJADHAL 77 (P Purdy) J Bennett 4-9-10 ..... J Williams –
609 (15) 0630/00- THE GORROCK 18J (B) (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 4-9-10 ..... D Harrison (3) –
610 (1) 0 WESSEX WARRIOR 10J (V) (D Laing) D Laing 7-9-10 ..... S O'Gorman –
611 (10) 066-0 PRINCESS ERMYN 13 (J Daniels) M Dixon 4-9-5 ..... A Clark 79
612 (14) 330-361 PONDERING 7 (V,D,S) (P Deakin) S Dow 3-8-8 ..... M Roberts 98
613 (12) 0020-0 BACKSTABBER 11 (BF) (Mrs S Scargill) J Scargill 3-8-5 ..... J Quinn 97
614 (9) 65-0033 MR GENEAOLOGY 7 (H,B) (B Pooley) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-5 ..... W Newnes ●
615 (4) 000- PENNINE LAD 296 (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 3-8-5 ..... J Comber –
616 (20) 000-0 SUPREME MASTER 21 (H Hopgood) R Hannon 3-8-5 ..... S Raymont 86
617 (8) 5 DANSEUSE FRANCAISE 9 (S Crown) M Bell 3-8-0 ..... R Hills 80
618 (2) 000-45 PREMIER BLUES 74 (G Crean) R Williams 3-8-0 ..... D Biggs 78
619 (17) 00-0800 UNIVERSAL 8 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-0 ..... B Doyle (5) 80
620 (19) 0 VICTORIAN FLOWER 37 (W Gredley) N Wright 3-8-0 ..... Paul Eddery –

BETTING: 3-1 Pondering, 9-2 Hello My Darling, 8-1 Danseuse Francais, 8-1 Backstabber, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.10 EPSOM OWNERS & TRAINERS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,552: 1m 1f) (14 runners)

1 (14) 50-4 BOHEMIAN CROWN 14 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-7 ..... M Roberts 83
2 (5) 30241- PRIMO FIGLIO 175 (S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-7 ..... S Raymont 86
3 (13) 23430-0 TOTALLY UNIQUE 9 (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 9-6 ..... M Fenton (5) 86
4 (1) 000-1 PRAIRIE GROVE 13 (G) (G Gleadell) R Hannon 9-3 ..... L Piggott 88
5 (4) 006-0 BOBBYSOXER 21 (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 9-3 ..... J Reid 80
6 (2) 08035- THE EXECUTOR 231 R Johnson Houghton 9-3 ..... T Quinn 89
7 (11) 60038-2 GRAND APPLAUSE 6 (M Lewin) R Simpson 9-1 ..... S Whitworth ●
8 (6) 644-0 BAYDON BELLE 37 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 8-10 ..... D Harrison (3) 92
9 (9) 005-0 AMERICAN SWINGER 21 (BF) (Triple Owners 1) P Harris 8-5 ..... Paul Eddery 90
10 (3) 2580- MOON WATCH 217 (A Hall) J Fanshawe 8-5 ..... D Biggs 88
11 (12) 300- MR DINGLE 227 (R Newall) W Haggas 7-12 ..... J Quinn 91
12 (10) 060-5 LUNAR RISK 21 (R Haim) W Muir 7-11 ..... Kim McDonnell (7) 94
13 (8) 0000- NIGHT EDITION 196 (R Hawthorn) S Dow 7-11 ..... C Rutter 86
14 (7) P000-0 DARK AND STORMY 17 (R Whittaker) M Dixon 7-7 ..... C Hawksley (7) 71

Long handicap: Dark And Stormy 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Grand Applause, 5-1 Moon Watch, Prairie Grove, 6-1 American Swinger, Baydon Belle, 8-1 Bohemian Crown, 10-1 Mr Dingle, Primo Figlio, Totally Unique, 12-1 others.

1992: GOODLY 7-13 G Bardwell (10-1) W Wightman 16 ran

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Northern Celadon. 2.50 Hoochiecoochie Man. 3.20 Coolaba Prince. 3.55 Metal Boys. 4.25 Lijaam. 4.55 Salatin. 5.25 Buzzards Bellbuoy.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 WISETON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,435: 5f) (11 runners)

1 DRAGON MAN P Haslam 9-0 ..... Dale Gibson 7
2 0 HARPO'S SPECIAL 7 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ..... K Fallon 10
3 KARSEAM J Wainwright 9-0 ..... N Connorton 6
4 5 NORTHERN CELADON 23 M Jarvis 9-0 ..... P Robinson 8
5 FUSSY SIOUX M W Easterby 8-9 ..... L Charnock 11
6 6 INDIAN CRYSTAL 26 M Johnston 8-9 ..... Dean McKeown 9
7 OLYMPIC BID J Berry 8-9 ..... J Carroll 5
8 2 SINNERS REPRIEVE 9 (BF) M H Easterby 8-9 ..... M Birch 2
9 STUDFORD GIRL M W Easterby 8-9 ..... T Lucas 1
10 6 TENPIN PROPHET 9 R Rothwell 8-9 ..... J Fanning 4
11 YO D Cosgrove 8-9 ..... B Raymond 3

9-4 Sinners Reprieve, 4-1 Northern Celadon, 6-1 Dragon Man, Olympic Bid, 7-1 Tenpin Prophet, 8-1 Indian Crystal, 14-1 others.

2.50 MAY DAY HOLIDAY LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,199: 1m 2f 60yd) (20)

1 05-0 AMIARGE 9 M Brittain 8-11 ..... M Wigham 4
2 00-4 BAEZA 28 (BF) D Loder 8-11 ..... F Norton 2
3 4402 BUZZ-B-BABE 14 B Ellison 8-11 ..... J Carroll 6
4 0-00 DICKINS 26 R Hollinshead 8-11 ..... B Raymond 11
5 0-00 DIVINE RAIN 11 J Payne 8-11 ..... W Hood 20
6 4-06 DUPLICATE 12 M H Easterby 8-11 ..... M Birch 9
7 -401 HOOCHIECOOCHIE MAN 6 (D,G) D Arbuthnot 8-11 ..... R Price 13
8 4-00 IKHTIRAA 7 (B) R Armstrong 8-11 ..... W Carson 17
9 -354 I'M A DREAMER 18 W Haigh 8-11 ..... Dean McKeown 12
10 000- KAWASIR 186 P Walwyn 8-11 ..... N Carlisle 5
11 2-33 KOA 21 M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ..... P Robinson 14
12 500- LOCHORE 139 R Ingram 8-11 ..... A McGlone 15
13 5300 MUSICAL PHONE 11 J Leigh 8-11 ..... K Fallon 19
14 00-0 ALLESCA 16 M Usher 8-6 ..... R Street 10
15 0554 BARLEY CAKE 11 T Fairhurst 8-6 ..... J Fanning 1
16 222- B B GLEN 285 D Morris 8-6 ..... M Tebbutt 18
17 0-84 EASTERN GLOW 28 S Woods 8-6 ..... W Woods 7
18 046- GYPSY CRYSTAL 223 R Whitaker 8-6 ..... A Culhane 8
19 00-4 MERRY MERMAID 26 J Bottomley 8-6 ..... L Charnock 3
20 3555 SCOFFERA 28 N Tinkler 8-6 ..... NON-RUNNER 15

6-4 Hoochiecoochie Man, 5-1 I'm A Dreamer, 6-1 Koa, 8-1 Amiarge, Allesca, 12-1 Lochore, Merry Mermaid, 16-1 Baeza, 25-1 others.

3.20 COAL MINER HANDICAP (£5,071: 6f) (11)

1 322- MACROBIAN 325 (CD,F,G) M H Easterby 9-10-0 ..... M Birch 1
2 00-0 RED ROSEIN 9 (D,F,G) J Wilson 7-9-9 ..... J Carroll 3
3 0-14 AMRON 34 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 6-9-2 ..... N Carlisle 6
4 -212 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 7 (D,S) J Watts 5-9-2 ..... B Raymond 8
5 4-60 SEA DEVIL 26 (CD,BF,F,S) M Camacho 7-8-13 ..... N Connorton 2
6 00-0 GENERAL JOHN 18 P Haslam 4-8-1 ..... Dale Gibson 10
7 12-0 NILE DELTA 9 (F) H Cecil 4-8-0 ..... A McGlone 11
8 21-0 COOLABA PRINCE 9 (D,G,S) F Lee 4-8-0 ..... W Carson 5
9 1120 PRETONIC 9 (D,F,G) M Johnston 5-7-13 ..... J Lowe 9
10 0-00 FIRST GOLD 9 (D,F,S) J Wharton 4-7-12 ..... P Robinson 4
11 060- INVIGILATE 224 (D,F,G) M Wane 4-7-8 ..... L Charnock 7

4-1 Sagebrush Roller, 11-2 Amron, 6-1 Coolaba Prince, 13-2 Nile Delta, 7-1 Red Rosein, General John, 8-1 Macrobian, Pretonic, 16-1 Sea Devil, 20-1 others.

3.55 BAWTRY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,758: 5f) (8)

1 10-6 LOVE RETURNED 8 (D,F,G,S) W Jarvis 6-9-5 ..... M Tebbutt 5
2 -232 ANOTHER EPISODE 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-0 ..... J Carroll 2
3 440- BELATED 135 (D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-0 ..... Dale Gibson 3
4 4010 SIR TASKER 16 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-9-0 ..... P Robinson 7
5 00-3 METAL BOYS 14 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 6-8-8 ..... B Raymond 6
6 045- DANDY DESIRE 195 B Morgan 4-8-4 ..... Dean McKeown 4
7 -643 SALADAN KNIGHT 17 (V,D,F,G) B Beasley 6-8-2 ..... F Norton 1
8 0010 MARTINA 14 (D,F,S) J Wharton 5-8-1 ..... J Fanning 8

2-1 Another Episode, 9-4 Metal Boys, 5-1 Belated, 7-1 Martina, 8-1 Love Returned, 20-1 Sir Tasker, 25-1 Saladan Knight, 100-1 Dandy Desire

4.25 INTAKE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,687: 1m 6f 132yd) (6)

1 8-31 LIJAAM 10 (S) A Scott 9-7 ..... B Raymond 5
2 50-1 ACANTHUS 25 (G) J Dunlop 9-7 ..... W Carson 1
3 23-4 OMIDJOY 31 S Woods 8-11 ..... W Woods 4
4 2-04 ARGYLE CAVALIER 23 (S) F Lee 8-7 ..... A Culhane 3
5 8-55 ROMALITO 16 M Blanshard 8-5 ..... N Carlisle 6
6 8-02 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 18 Mrs J Ramsden 7-8 ..... J Lowe 2

9-4 Lijaam, 11-4 Acanthus, 4-1 Argyle Cavalier, 5-1 Safety In Numbers, 6-1 Omidjoy, 8-1 Romalito

4.55 CARR HILL CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,348: 1m) (6)

1 12-3 SALATIN 19 (G) P Walwyn 9-4 ..... W Carson 3
2 1 LOWER EGYPT 18 (G) J Gosden 9-0 ..... J Carroll 4
3 31 DAMOOS 14 (S) H Thomson Jones 8-12 ..... N Carlisle 2
4 1 LOCK TIGHT 11 (S) R Whitaker 8-10 ..... A Culhane 6
5 64-6 SOLOMON'S DANCER 23 W Haigh 8-10 ..... Dean McKeown 5
6 AQUILETTA C Booth 8-5 ..... T Lucas 1

11-10 Salatin, 5-4 Lower Egypt, 10-1 Damoos, 12-1 Lock Tight, 33-1 Solomon's Dancer, Aquiletta.

5.25 SANDALL BEAT HANDICAP (£4,793: 1m) (10)

1 34-5 EN ATTENDANT 14 (C,D,F,G) B Hanbury 5-10-0 ..... B Raymond 2
2 263- CAUSLEY 178 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-9-7 ..... S Sanders (7) 9
3 601- BLOW DRY 219 (S) J Hanson 3-9-2 ..... A Culhane 5
4 2-00 BUZZARDS BELLBUOY 16 (D,BF,G,S) H Collingridge 4-9-1 ..... Dale Gibson 1
5 0-00 IMPERIAL BID 27 (F,G) Denys Smith 5-9-0 ..... K Fallon 10
6 -500 LAUREL QUEEN 5 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-0 ..... J Carroll 3
7 0846 MASTER HYDE 17 (D) P Mitchell 4-8-6 ..... P Robinson 4
8 03-0 SUPREME BOY 16 P Harris 4-8-3 ..... F Norton 8
9 3443 WEE SARAH 16 T Barron 5-8-3 ..... W Carson 6
10 00-0 LEGEND DULAC 16 (D,G,S) J Hetherton 4-7-9 ..... J Lowe 7

5-1 Buzzards Bellbuoy, 11-2 En Attendant, 6-1 Wee Sarah, 7-1 Blow Dry, Causley, 8-1 Imperial Bid, Laurel Queen, 10-1 Master Hyde, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 36 winners from 74 runners, 35.1%; J Gosden, 22 from 82, 26.8%; R Armstrong, 7 from 31, 22.6%; M Jarvis, 7 from 40, 17.5%; J Berry, 17 from 98, 17.3%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 27, 14.8%.

JOCKEYS: W Hood, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; B Raymond, 21 from 133, 15.8%; J Carroll, 13 from 101, 12.9%; W Carson, 22 from 178, 12.4%; A McGlone, 3 from 26, 11.5%; N Carlisle, 6 from 55, 10.9%.

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GOING: GOOD — SIS

DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.45 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,952: 1m) (22 runners)

1 1304 ROSEATE LODGE 12 (D,BF,F,G) K Burke 7-10-0 ..... P McCabe 10
2 0/0- WALK THAT WALK 378 (G) K Wingrove 4-9-12 K Pattinson (5) 12
3 1222 BUDDY'S FRIEND 14 (D,F) R Williams 5-9-5 ..... Sarah Thompson (10) 3
4 1-01 MEXICAN DANCER 7 (D,G,S) P Murphy 4-9-0 (7ex) ..... R Waterfield (8) 20
5 23-0 PROUD BRIGADIER 4 (G) M Channon 5-8-10 ..... R Painter (8) 21
6 440- FAIRFORD 259 L Barratt 4-8-9 ..... S Mulvey 16
7 5025 TAUNTING 14 M Blanshard 5-8-9 ..... S McCarthy (5) 17
8 43-0 LADY LACEY 20 (V,D,F,G,S) G Balding 6-8-6 ..... D Griffiths (7) 6
9 300- LOFTY DEED 231 W Musson 3-8-6 Sally Radford-Howes (5) 19
10 -630 SOOTY TERN 14 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-3 Michael Bradley (8) 15
11 4-60 SURE SHOT NORMAN 7 (V) G Jones 4-8-1 ..... D Toole (5) 8
12 4-42 LORD LAMBSON 12 R Whitaker 4-8-1 ..... G Parkin (3) 14
13 000- ARAGONA 147J (S) P Cundell 4-7-13 ..... D Gibbs 5
14 250- NAVARESQUE 256 (D,F,G) R Hodges 8-7-13 ..... J O'Dwyer (3) 18
15 0000 WINGED WHISPER 9 (B,F) J Pickering 4-7-13 ..... F Savage (7) 13
16 30-6 IRISH GROOM 21 (B,D,G) J Smith 6-7-12 ..... L Aspell (7) 22
17 500- ROSIETOES 240 L Cottrell 5-7-11 ..... Mark Denaro (5) 2
18 00-5 TAKE THE MICK 13 E Wheeler 3-7-10 ..... J Wilkinson (5) 11
19 06/0 HARRY'S GEM 21 Miss A Whitfield 5-7-8 ..... L Suthern (7) 4
20 0-00 ROCKY BAY 46 (D,S) D Haydn Jones 4-7-7 ..... M Baird (5) 1
21 000/ COLONNA 8J B Richmond 7-7-7 ..... Claire Balding 9
22 000- GIVE ME HOPE 30J R Price 5-7-7 ..... J Bramhill (5) 7

5-1 Lord Lambson, 7-1 Buddy's Friend, 8-1 Roseate Lodge, 9-1 Sooty Tern, 10-1 Proud Brigadier, Take The Mick, 12-1 Mexican Dancer, 14-1 others.

2.15 ALVESTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,552: 1m) (10)

1 3 BALNAHA 6 G Wragg 8-11 ..... M Hills 9
2 0 EYE WITNESS 10 P Cole 8-11 ..... A Munro 7
3 00 GLEAM OF GOLD 6 R Dickin 8-11 ..... S Dawson 8
4 0-8 GREEN CHILI 16 J Hills 8-11 ..... D Holland 10
5 465- HARD TASK 229 R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ..... A Tucker (3) 3
6 PHASE ONE P Felgate 8-11 ..... N Adams 6
7 0- PRINCESS HAIFA 184 M Stoute 8-11 ..... W R Swinburn 1
8 00 TOCCATELLA 14 B Meehan 8-11 ..... R Perham 4
9 UNNAB R Armstrong 8-11 ..... G Carter 2
10 0 WHAT LOLA WANTS 20 P Murphy 8-11 ..... A Dicks 5

5-2 Balnaha, 3-1 Princess Haifa, 9-2 Green Chili, 6-1 Unnab, 8-1 Eye Witness, 12-1 Hard Task, 16-1 What Lola Wants, 20-1 others.

2.45 STONELEIGH PARK POLO CLUB HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,699: 7f) (14)

1 530- REGALSETT 189 (F) R Hannon 9-7 ..... D Gibbs (7) 11
2 1125 MISS GORGEOUS 4 (D) W O'Gorman 9-4 Emma O'Gorman (3) 4
3 0-00 ANNIVERSAIRE 16 Bob Jones 8-12 ..... R Perham 7
4 00-0 LIAB 14 A Scott 8-11 ..... J Fortune 13
5 63-3 NO EXTRAS 14 (G) G Moore 8-10 ..... B Rouse 2
6 01-5 SOVIET EXPRESS 32 (G) P Cole 8-9 ..... T G McLaughlin (7) 6
7 2542 WATERLORD 20 M Heaton-Ellis 8-7 ..... D Wright (7) 5
8 0-32 CREDIT SQUEEZE 9 (D,F) R Johnson Houghton 8-7 ..... A Tucker (3) 3
9 30-2 FINAL FRONTIER 25 (BF) R Akehurst 8-7 ..... A Munro 1
10 25-6 LANCASTER PILOT 30 R Whitaker 8-5 ..... G Parkin (7) 10
11 600- JULIET BRAVO 227 (F) J Fanshawe 8-4 ..... G Carter 14
12 26-4 LOVE IN THE MIST 20 (BF) I Balding 8-2 ..... M Hills 12
13 331- MR CUBE 145 P Cole 8-1 ..... J D Smith (7) 9
14 0-40 FITZROY LAD 7 M Channon 7-10 ..... N Adams 8

4-1 Regalsett, 5-1 Credit Squeeze, 6-1 Waterlord, 7-1 Liab, 8-1 Love In The Mist, 10-1 Final Frontier, 12-1 Miss Gorgeous, 14-1 others.

3.15 STONEBRIDGE LIMITED GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,243: 6f) (19)

1 0254 APPEALING TIMES 40 D Chapman 4-8-11 ..... J Fortune 14
2 3030 BLYTON STAR 21 (B) K Burke 5-8-11 ..... S Webster 9
3 0600 CAL'S BOY 19 (B) J Smith 4-8-11 ..... A Tucker (3) 17
4 000/0 DON'T GIVE UP 9J (B,F) R Bennett 5-8-11 ..... N Varley (7) 3
5 5-40 HIGHBORN 7 P Felgate 4-8-11 ..... G Hind 2
6 0220 HITCHIN A RIDE 4 (G) M Muggeridge 6-8-11 ..... B Rouse 13
7 0-60 LEIGH CROFTER 4 (V,G) P Murphy 4-8-11 ..... S Drowne (7) 18
8 0154 SALLY'S SON 28 (D,BF,F) W O'Gorman 7-8-11 ..... Emma O'Gorman (3) 4
9 6524 SLADES HILL 2 (D,BF,F,G) T Barron 6-8-11 ..... Alex Greaves 10
10 -840 TOP ONE 80 (D,F) C Hill 8-8-11 ..... G Bardwell 1
11 160- BATCHWORTH BOUND 196 (G) E Wheeler 4-8-6 D Wright (7) 15
12 1-05 BREEZE AWAY 10 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-8-6 ..... W R Swinburn 19
13 00-8 CASTLE MAID 6 R Hodges 6-8-6 ..... A Dicks 7
14 00-00 DAL MISS 58 (B) R Peacock 6-8-6 ..... N Adams 11
15 3-00 FAIRY WISHER 7 M Barraclough 4-8-6 ..... A Munro 6
16 000-5 PAR DE LUXE 28 Mrs S Wilson 6-8-6 ..... A Mackay 12
17 000- SCARLET PRINCESS 223 (D,S) R Hodges 5-8-6 ..... T Sprake 8
18 00-0 WEEKEND GIRL 63 W Brisbourne 4-8-6 ..... A Garth (5) 5
19 0-50 WE'RE ALL GAME 18 (BF,S) B Morgan 4-8-6 C Hodgson (5) 16

9-2 Slades Hill, 6-1 Top One, 7-1 We're All Game, 8-1 Breeze Away, 9-1 Leigh Crofter, 10-1 Batchworth Bound, 12-1 Scarlet Princess, 14-1 others.

3.45 CIU CHARITY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,201: 1m 4f 115yd) (8)

1 3-34 MOUSSAHIM 11 M Stoute 9-7 ..... W R Swinburn 7
2 421- WARM SPELL 213 (B) R Simpson 9-7 ..... B Rouse 2
3 0-51 HARLESTONE BROOK 18 (D,S) J Dunlop 9-2 ..... G Carter 5
4 00-0 CRYSTAL STONE 21 T Thomson Jones 8-12 ..... A Tucker (3) 6
5 000- BRANSBY ROAD 199 R Akehurst 8-4 ..... A Munro 3
6 0-65 PAPER DAYS 7 P Murphy 8-0 ..... N Adams 8
7 0-00 CANADIAN EAGLE 25 G Lewis 7-13 ..... D Wright (7) 4
8 00-6 DANGER BABY 35 Bob Jones 7-13 ..... G Bardwell 1

6-4 Harlestone Brook, 7-2 Moussahim, 7-1 Warm Spell, Bransby Road, 8-1 others.

4.15 EBF PRIMROSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,552: 5f) (12)

1 0 ABBOTS DAUGHTER 10 B Hills 8-11 ..... D Holland 9
2 56 CAPPUCHINO 9 W O'Gorman 8-11 ..... Emma O'Gorman (3) 8
3 HIGHLAND WARNING M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 W R Swinburn 3
4 54 IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 10 M Usher 8-11 ..... N Adams 10
5 4 ISABELLA SHARP 7 M Bell 8-11 ..... M Hills 2
6 0 IVA'S FLYER 23 J Berry 8-11 ..... G Carter 7
7 JANE HERRING R Hodges 8-11 ..... S Drowne (7) 12
8 04 MAIDEN EFFORT 21 (B) N Wright 8-11 ..... G Bardwell 11
9 PRIMO STAMPARI R Hannon 8-11 ..... B Rouse 5
10 RAMBOLD T Jones 8-11 ..... T Williams 1
11 REIGNING ROYAL R Hodges 8-11 ..... A Dicks 4
12 ROYALE FIGURINE M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 ..... J Fortune 6

3-1 Primo Stampari, 4-1 Imperial Bailiwick, 5-1 Isabella Sharp, 7-1 others.

4.45 WARWICK SPRING HANDICAP
(£3,416: 1m 2f 169yd) (20)

1 -630 SAINT CIEL 14 (F,S) F Jordan 5-10-0 ..... D Wright (7) 19
2 240- ATHAR 21J (S) R Baker 4-9-11 ..... K Rutter (5) 1
3 -822 SWIFT SILVER 14 (D,G,S) W Musson 6-9-10 D McCabe (7) 15
4 00-5 MOON SPIN 34 (B,D,F) W Hern 4-9-10 ..... M Hills 11
5 600- LORD OBERON 191 (F,G) J Akehurst 5-9-7 ..... D Holland 5
6 0/0 MASTER REACH 9 B Meehan 4-9-6 ..... R Perham 8
7 200/0 LIGHT-HEARTED LADY 9 P Murphy 5-9-5 ..... S Drowne (7) 6
8 132- CRACKLING 212 (G) D Marks 4-9-4 ..... T Rogers 12
9 /056- NORTHERN TRIAL 282 K Burke 5-9-3 ..... T Williams 4
10 061/ REGGAE BEAT 9J (D,F,G) I Campbell 8-9-1 ..... G Mitchell (7) 2
11 00/3 HIGHLY SECURE 21 M Pipe 6-9-1 ..... W R Swinburn 13
12 5-30 DANCING BEAU 14 (BF,G) S Dow 4-9-0 ..... G Carter 20
13 /60-0 FERN HEIGHTS 25 (F) C Broad 6-8-13 ..... C Avery 14
14 /124 HERE HE COMES 14 (F,G) R Akehurst 7-8-10 ..... A Munro 3
15 0000 ROCK THE BARNEY 13 P Burgoyne 4-8-10 ..... B Rouse 10
16 4-22 STATE OF AFFAIRS 6 (C,F) C Horgan 6-8-9 ..... S Dawson 17
17 6-30 TENDRESSE 101 (C,BF,F,S) C Hill 5-8-8 ..... G Bardwell 9
18 00/ CHADWICK'S GINGER 16J B Morgan 5-8-7 ..... C Hodgson (5) 16
19 5020/ SHOWMANSHIP 557 (G) C Wall 6-8-6 ..... S Webster 7
20 3501 SWEET REVIVAL 19 (S) J Glover 5-8-6 ..... J Fortune 18

3-1 Here He Comes, 6-1 Moon Spin, 8-1 State Of Affairs, 10-1 Highly Secure, 12-1 Athar, Swift Silver, Saint Ciel, 14-1 Dancing Beau, 16-1 others.

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Seymour forces Nottinghamshire to settle for tie

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (13 points) tied with Worcestershire (13)

IN time, Gregory Pick will become familiar with the story of the day of his birth. How, needing two runs to win from the last ball of the match, his father swung the ball to deep square leg, scampered the first and was beaten by Adam Seymour's superb throw as he sought to scramble the second.

Neither county has been involved in a tie since the war and Nottinghamshire should be cursing themselves. With 13 needed from the last three overs, they had three wickets in hand including the vital one of Chris Cairns. Alas, he clipped Phil Newport, who had bowled superbly, to mid-wicket where D'Oliveira's sharp catch gave the bowler his sixth wicket.

In the last over but one Lampitt pinned Field-Buss in front of everything, setting up Pick to do his Gary Cooper bit. That final run was his 22nd, before the 23rd eluded him. On balance it was a fair result, confirming Tim Curtis's declaration as admirable when he left Nottinghamshire 87 overs to get 296.

The final day provided much the most interesting cricket of the match, initially as Derek Randall made 98 with deceptive ease, then as Newport manfully altered the balance and finally as Cairns ploughed through the middle order collapse to make a well-struck 68.

Age cannot wither Randall, nor custom stale. At 42 he remains the Albert Modley of our time, his batting and fielding recalling the comedian's catchphrase: "Ee, in't it grand to be daft?" Yesterday's innings, which ended when he drove Newport to gully, offered superlative value.

Even now, in the autumn of his career, there are few more natural players and hardly anyone, except perhaps Gower on his purple days, that the true cricket-lover would rather watch. The charm of both batsmen lies in their vulnerability which makes the triumph of hope over experience all the more enchanting.

Moreover, unlike Sinatra and other local ageing swingers, he knows it is best to go when you are still hot. Randall will not necessarily be a first-choice batsman in his last summer but so long as he plays like this, Archer and Saxelby may find themselves deprived of opportunity.

There were three boundaries in Radford's third over which reduced the bowler to exasperation and put smiles on everyone else's faces. A classical on-drive, a push down the ground and a flick behind square were almost peremptory. Wylie, cracked twice through the covers off the back foot, was not spared, either.

The most extraordinary of his ten boundaries was shovelled behind the stumps to beat the short fine leg Illingworth had brought in to counter the more orthodox sweep. Curtis employed spin, or at least Illingworth, from the pavilion end throughout the afternoon, alternating between Newport and Lampitt at the Radcliffe Road end.

Illingworth has practically privatised the undemanding art of bowling outside the right-hander's leg stump. In the four-day game, which should reward the slow blower for enterprise on wearing pitches, he appears content with limited attainment.

Newport bowled brilliantly. After Randall and Pollard had made 63 in ten overs, he ripped out the left-hander's off stump with his first ball and had Robinson caught at mid-wicket five balls later. Throughout the day he offered nothing that was loose and tested all the batsmen.

Nottinghamshire will regret not making more than 43 in the hour after tea when Crawley went into his shell. Illingworth will apologise for missing Pick on 16. Almost, both sides can say, but not quite.

NEVILLE WILLIAMS



Winning way: Reeve is full of concentration as he leads Warwickshire to victory

Hooper excels in record-breaking last-wicket stand for West Indies

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK
IN ANTIGUA

HAVING done well to come within one wicket of bowling West Indies out on Saturday, Pakistan met only with frustration when the third Test match continued here yesterday.

Rather than putting a quick end to the West Indian innings, they allowed Hooper and Walsh to add 105 for the last wicket, a new West Indian record against any country. From being 344 for 9 overnight, West Indies went on to make 438. Midway through the afternoon, Pakistan were 23 for 2 in reply.

For the first time in the Caribbean, Carl Hooper, the batsman, came into his own, his 178 not out being as delightful an innings as one could wish to see.

His previous Test hundreds had been at Calcutta, Lahore and Lord's. In 23 Test innings at home, his best score, before now, was 62 against Australia at Georgetown two years ago.

Although the West Indian selectors see him as a valuable member of their side, most islands claim someone they consider more worthy of a place. This has played on Hooper's mind and caused questions to be asked not about his talent, which has never been in doubt, but about his temperament. His last nine Test innings have brought him only 78 runs and that, certainly, is not good enough.

When he came in on Saturday, West Indies were 159 for 4, Lara and Richardson having just got out in quick succession. This had brought Pakistan's hopes back to life, and at close of play on Saturday, they were still reasonably buoyant. But yesterday morning's play was a disaster for Pakistan. In only 18 overs — there were two brief stoppages for rain — Hooper and Walsh added 97, besides turning down any number of runs so that Walsh could be kept away from the strike.

To add to Pakistan's despair, when Walsh did face the bowling, he took good care of himself, driving Wasim's first two balls of the day for four and three and later hitting Nadeem, an orthodox left-arm spinner, out of the ground.

Hooper looked a complete batsman. The bowling was not especially demanding, it is true, but by any standards his attacking strokes, which included 19 fours and four sixes, were superbly produced.

There has been a school of thought for some time that he should be attacking at No 3; but Richardson likes to attack from there and that suits the West Indians' style.

Since being bowled out on the first day of the present series for 127, they have returned totals of 382, 455 and 438. Hooper's score equalled Vivian Richard's against Australia in 1984 as the highest made in the seven Test matches played on the ground. He gave no chance. He faced 248 balls, batted for just under five hours and can go back to Kent later this week with next to nothing to worry about.

When eventually Walsh was out, unable to get out of the way of a bouncer from Wasim and ballooning it to slip, Pakistan were inevitably vulnerable, almost pitifully so, and after 13 balls they were four for two.

Rameez, on the back foot, edged a ball that was leaving him, the first he received, to the wicketkeeper, and Shakeel, in his first Test innings, was leg before to the first ball of Ambrose's second over. This brought to an astonishing 28 the number of LBWs in the series so far, of which, in four days and a bit, umpire Bucknor has been responsible for 15.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

D L Haynes c Latif b Nadim	23
P V Simmons c Wasim b Ata-ur-Rehman	28
*R B Richardson c Wasim b Waqar	52
B C Lara st Rashid b Nadim	44
K L C Arthurton lbw b Waqar	30
C L Hooper not out	178
†J R Murray lbw b Waqar	4
C E L Ambrose lbw b Wasim	1
A C Cummins lbw b Waqar	14
W K M Benjamin c Wasim b Waqar	12
C A Walsh c Mujtaba b Wasim	30
Extras (lb 6, nb 16)	22
Total	438

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-77, 3-153, 4-159, 5-218, 6-241, 7-252, 8-312, 9-332.

BOWLING: Wasim 26.2-5-108-1 (4 nb); Waqar 28-4-105-5; Ata-ur-Rehman 17-1-66-1 (8 nb); Nadim 38-5-147-2 (4 nb); Mujtaba 1-0-7-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Ramiz Raja c Murray b Walsh	0
Shakeel Ahmed lbw b Ambrose	0
Asif Mujtaba not out	19
Javed Miandad not out	3
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	23

Inzamam-ul-Haq, Basit Ali, *Wasim Akram, †Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis, Ata-ur-Rehman and Nadim Khan to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4.

Gloucestershire let chance slip away

BY IVO TENNANT

BRISTOL (final day of four): Middlesex (20pts) beat Gloucestershire (6pts) by four wickets

CRICKET is a game given to perversity rather than certainties, but not when it comes to assessing Gloucestershire. The idea that they will fare any better over the season than they did here is, alas, a fanciful one. They might not find themselves in such a good position to win a championship match again.

They led by 119 runs on first innings. Then, even though they allowed themselves to be bowled out for 95, they had soon worked their way through the Middlesex upper order. Yesterday, only Ramprakash seemed to stand between them and victory, and they got him out for an additional seven runs.

Yet Middlesex had the match won, without further loss, not long after noon. It is, of course, a brave county that comes between Gatting and his lunch, but Gloucestershire will have been hugely disappointed. Russell was, for one, eschewing any kind of refreshment for practice in the nets.

So there are long days ahead for Gloucestershire. They can take solace in the form of their two imports from Nottinghamshire, Broad and Cooper, but not a great deal else. On a pitch that was too sound for any side to be dismissed for 95, they were unable, yesterday morning, to part the sixth-wicket pair of Brown and Feltham.

In Brown, Middlesex have just the batsman to graft for runs when time is of no consequence. In Feltham they have one of their own, for he was born in St John's Wood and will not be downtrodden. Other than coming close to being lbw against Davies's left-arm spin, he gave Brown strong support. And in Ramprakash, Middlesex had the match-winner. His innings of 75 was the highest of the match. It was the best possible start for him, his county and four-day cricket.

Caddick enhances trophy chance

A NEW season, and new names to conjure with. Andrew Caddick, like Mark Lathwell, has given himself every chance of being chosen for England's squad for the Texaco Trophy matches by helping Somerset beat Hampshire by an innings and 148 runs with more than a day to spare (Ivo Tennant writes).

His match figures were ten for 92, including, twice, the wicket of Nicholas, Hampshire's captain and top scorer. Gower's lack of runs were contrasted with this.

At Cardiff, Glamorgan beat Sussex by a similarly large margin. Needing 385 to win, Sussex collapsed to 88 for seven. There was never likely to be any recovery from that. Croft took four for 55, Watkin three wickets in seven balls and Barwick two wickets in 21 overs that, astonishingly, cost just seven runs.

There was an impressive victory, too, for Surrey, who took eight Leicestershire wickets for 43 runs in 22 overs post-tea. This after Leicestershire had been 170 for two, Boon and Whitaker putting on 109 for the second wicket.

Thereafter, six batsmen failed to reach double figures. Martin Bicknell took four wickets and Benjamin and Murphy three apiece.

Smith strikes on two fronts

BY JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (22 points) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 197 runs

NEIL Smith, like his father, MJK, is a quiet, unassuming character. He has served a long apprenticeship with Warwickshire. Yesterday, it must have all seemed well worth the candle. He followed an undefeated half-century in the morning by taking five wickets in the afternoon, achieving both feats in spectacular fashion as Northamptonshire were rushed headlong to defeat by tea.

Smith's 51-run share of a partnership with Reeve which, begun overnight, altogether realised 85 runs from 14 overs, came from only 46 balls. It was the right sort of innings at the right time. Warwickshire had much leeway to make up if the game was not to peter out into the dullest of draws after Reeve had decided to continue batting.

Facing the task of making 369 from 90 overs, Northants did their best to help the Warwickshire cause by batting with little early resolution. Felton, Bailey and Lamb all had cause for reproach as they returned to the pavilion. Even though Donald and Small used the new ball well, the loss of the first three wickets for 11 runs should not have been on the cards.

This was vividly illustrated by Malachy Loye, the Northampton-born 20-year-old, who looks destined for great things. In partnership with Fordham, he put on 122 in 33 overs — a positive gallop compared with the general tempo of this match — and passed his maiden first-class 50 by driving Smith through mid-wicket with a stroke that bore the stamp of true class, like many of his 11 fours. Fordham's vigil of three hours also gave the lie to his team's early collapse.

Smith had been bowling his off-breaks with little turn or drift away from the bat. Suddenly it all changed. Loye was caught behind off a snorter from Munton. Then Smith, about to be replaced, embarked upon a golden spell.

Northants were 133 for three and looking comfortable before Loye left. During the next six overs they added ten runs and lost six wickets, five of them to Smith. In 15 balls he captured the wickets of Capel, Curran, Pemberthy and Taylor; and although Cook came in to savage him to the tune of 16 from an over, Smith had the last laugh on Cook as well, finishing off the innings by having the Northants' last man caught at long-on.

Thus did Smith and some unusually inept Northants batting justify for Warwickshire the war of attrition waged over four days. An absorbing match in the eyes of Dermot Reeve certainly had its detractors beyond the boundary edge.

Gooch records silent protest

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Gooch has always believed in letting his bat do the bulk of his talking but on Saturday, at Fenner's, he made two of the most eloquent points of his career by laying the bat down in silent, disdainful protest.

The decision of the International Cricket Council (ICC) posthumously to withhold first-class status from the matches played by unofficial touring teams in South Africa, including an England XI 11 years ago, meant that Gooch's century in Cuttack during January technically became his 99th, rather than his hundredth.

Given that this judgment, handed down in early February, was mistimed and misguided, there was a pleasing sense of the ludicrous about Saturday's events, in which Gooch made the missing century against Cambridge University in a fixture that retains its first-class label only through anachronistic nostalgia.

Gooch made his gesture with style. He reached his century with a six, tucked his bat under his arm and walked off, giving himself out through retirement. He took some of his Essex colleagues by surprise but, in so doing, he was silently making public his views on the ICC ruling and on the legitimacy of the universities' status.

It is monstrous that the milestone century of his career should be recorded against undergraduates of variable ability and potential when, for reasons nobody has adequately explained, the ICC has ruled out a hundred made against an international-class attack in a five-day match.

The editor of *Wisden*, traditionally an arbiter of such matters, is so adamant in his opposition to the ICC stance that he intends to continue to include the South African century in Gooch's first-class record. As far as *The Times* is concerned, Saturday's unchallenging century was Gooch's 101st.

That it is one of the least memorable adds to the overwhelming weight of evidence that matches played by Oxford and Cambridge must be downgraded. Sport has a greatly-reduced profile in the universities of today and, for some years, first-class status has been unsustainable.

Eccentricity may be one of the abiding delights of English sport but injustice is not. It is understood that the ICC is having second thoughts; it should act in July to reverse its verdict on the South African tours, and the Test and County Cricket Board should ensure that university matches are reclassified so that there can be no repeat of Saturday's farce.

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Glamorgan v Sussex

CARDIFF
(final day of four): Glamorgan (20pts) beat Sussex (5) by 274 runs

GLAMORGAN: First Innings: 331 (S P James 76, R D B Croft 60, E E Hemmings 4-69)

Second Innings

S P James b Hemmings	70
*H Morris c Hemmings b Stephenson	18
A Dale c Moores b Salisbury	81
M P Maynard c and b Stephenson	52
I V A Richards c Smith b Salisbury	17
P A Cottey not out	68
R D B Croft not out	44
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 1, nb 8)	16
Total (5 wkts dec)	392

R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-149, 3-209, 4-237, 5-251.

BOWLING: Pigott 10-1-36-0; Giddins 12-2-70-0; Stephenson 17-7-27-2; Salisbury 28-6-93-2; Hemmings 24-4-91-1; Lenham 5-0-33-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Lefebvre	10
J W Hall lbw b Dale	40
D M Smith c Maynard b Dale	39
*A P Wells b Watkin	120
M P Speight c James b Barwick	23
†P Moores c Lefebvre b Watkin	29
I D K Salisbury lbw b Watkin	6
F D Stephenson run out	34
A C S Pigott c Metson b Watkin	4
E E Hemmings c Metson b Watkin	0
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total	309

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-65, 3-159, 4-210, 5-262, 6-265, 7-292, 8-296, 9-309.

BOWLING: Watkin 29-8-87-5; Barwick 35-11-71-1; Lefebvre 20-8-38-1; Croft 36-18-88-0; Dale 12-5-21-2.

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Metson b Lefebvre	3
J W Hall b Barwick	11
D M Smith c Barwick b Barwick	19
A P Wells c Richards b Croft	19
M P Speight b Watkin	21
P Moores lbw b Watkin	4
F D Stephenson c Maynard b Watkin	4
I D K Salisbury lbw b Croft	6
A C S Pigott b Croft	7
E E Hemmings b Croft	5
E S H Giddins not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 2)	9
Total	110

Fell OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-25, 3-55, 4-61, 5-82, 6-83, 7-82, 8-92, 9-107.

BOWLING: Watkin 14-5-26-3; Lefebvre 7-3-11-1; Barwick 21-16-7-2; Croft 19.5-6-55-4; Dale 1-0-4-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and N T Plews.

Gloucestershire v Middlesex

BRISTOL *(final day of four): Middlesex (20pts) beat Gloucestershire (6) by four wickets*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 259 (B C Broad 58; A R C Fraser 4-76)

Second Innings

B C Broad c Emburey b Tufnell	15
S G Hinks c Carr b Feltham	7
R J Scott c Ramprakash b Fraser	12
M W Alleyne c Brown b Tufnell	31
*A J Wright c Brown b Emburey	1
T H C Hancock c Brown b Emburey	9
†R C Russell c Emburey b Tufnell	0
A M Smith c Gatting b Tufnell	0
M Davies lbw b Emburey	2
K E Cooper c Gatting b Emburey	4
M J Gerrard not out	5
Extras (b 2 lb 7)	9
Total	95

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-39, 3-45, 4-58, 5-72, 6-73, 7-75, 8-86, 9-86.

BOWLING: Fraser 10-2-30-1; Feltham 10-6-8-1; Tufnell 20-10-33-4; Emburey 13.2-6-15-4.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 180 (K E Cooper 4-33, M J Gerrard 4-50)

Second Innings

M Keech c Russell b Cooper	2
M A Roseberry c Wright b Cooper	7
*M W Gatting lbw b Smith	45
M R Ramprakash not out	68
J D Carr c Russell b Smith	12
C W Taylor c Russell b Smith	0
†K R Brown not out	38
M A Feltham not out	24
Extras (lb 7, w 2, nb 4)	13
Total (6 wkts)	216

J E Emburey, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-11, 3-114, 4-140, 5-140, 6-156.

BOWLING: Cooper 22-7-53-3; Gerrard 13.2-3-39-0; Smith 22-5-69-3; Scott 4-1-13-0; Davies 17-2-45-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and G Sharp.

Hampshire v Somerset

SOUTHAMPTON *(third day of four): Somerset (24pts) beat Hampshire (2) on Saturday by an innings and 148 runs.*

SOMERSET: First Innings 500 for 6 dec (N D Burns 102 not out, M N Lathwell 99, R J Harden 97, N A Folland 81, G D Rose 84)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry lbw b Caddick	2
T C Middleton c Lathwell b Caddick	0
R S M Morris c Harden b Caddick	0
D I Gower c Folland b Mallender	3
*M C J Nicholas c Rose b Caddick	76
M D Marshall lbw b Caddick	0
†A N Aymes b Mallender	33
S D Udal c Tisdré b Trump	16
I J Turner lbw b Rose	0
C A Connor c Harden b Caddick	12
K J Shine not out	6
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)	8
Total (86 overs)	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-5, 4-5, 5-5, 6-66, 7-113, 8-114, 9-145.

BOWLING: Mallender 21-12-15-2; Caddick 25-10-48-6; van Troost 9.3-4-24-0; Rose 15.3-4-31-1; Trump 13-3-29-1; Hayhurst 2-0-5-0.

Second Innings

V P Terry c Lathwell b Rose	10
T C Middleton b Trump	7
R S M Morris c Harden b Trump	37
D I Gower c and b Hayhurst	14
*M C J Nicholas b Caddick	47
M D Marshall c Folland b Rose	8
†A N Aymes lbw b Caddick	25
S D Udal c Folland b Trump	39
I J Turner lbw b Caddick	0
C A Connor b Caddick	0
K J Shine not out	2
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-45, 4-112, 5-123, 6-141, 7-180, 8-180, 9-180.

BOWLING: Caddick 22-5-44-4; Rose 18-3-37-2; Trump 30.3-13-59-3; Hayhurst 13-7-21-1; Mallender 6-4-17-0; Lathwell 4-0-14-0

Umpires: A A Jones and G A Stickley.

Leicester v Surrey

LEICESTER *(final day of four): Surrey (21pts) beat Leicestershire (6) by 89 runs*

SURREY: First Innings 245 (D J Bicknell 50, A R K Pierson 4-57)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Whitaker b Pierson	41
*A J Stewart c Robinson b Pierson	102
G P Thorpe run out	21
M A Lynch b Pierson	20
D M Ward st Nixon b Potter	15
A D Brown c Wells b Potter	21
†G J Kersey not out	39
M P Bicknell c Boon b Pierson	14
N M Kendrick lbw b Potter	4
J E Benjamin b Pierson	8
A J Murphy b Mullally	7
Extras (b 5, lb 11, w 1)	17
Total	315

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-120, 3-160, 4-207, 5-237, 6-249, 7-274, 8-285, 9-294.

BOWLING: Mullally 24-10-49-1; Parsons 10-4-22-0; Pierson 30-15-124-5; Potter 46-17-79-3; Wells 7-2-25-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 255 (N E Briers 79)

Second Innings

T J Boon c Kersey b Murphy	91
*N E Briers c Lynch b M P Bicknell	11
J J Whitaker lbw b Benjamin	42
P E Robinson b Murphy	24
B F Smith c Murphy b M P Bicknell	9
L Potter c and b M P Bicknell	4
V J Wells not out	16
†P A Nixon c Kersey b Murphy	6
G J Parsons lbw b Benjamin	0
A R K Pierson c Kersey b M P Bicknell	1
A D Mullally c M P Bicknell b Benjamin	1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 6)	11
Total	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-138, 3-173, 4-178, 5-190, 6-190, 7-207, 8-212, 9-215.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 28-9-53-4; Benjamin 21.1-3-83-3; Murphy 25-10-56-3; Kendrick 15-4-40-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead.

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON *(final day of four): Warwickshire (22pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 197 runs*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 345 (T L Penney 66; K M Curran 4-64)

Second Innings

A J Moles lbw b Taylor	1
R G Twose c Felton b Cook	6
J D Ratcliffe c Felton b Cook	17
*D P Ostler c Ripley b Cook	16
T L Penney c Bailey b Taylor	65
*D A Reeve not out	87
N M K Smith not out	51
Extras (lb 13, w 2, nb 6)	21
Total (6 wkts dec)	263

†K J Piper, G C Small, A A Donald and T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-15, 3-41, 4-48, 5-178.

BOWLING: Taylor 22-6-76-2; Curran 16-6-51-0; Cook 19-5-51-3; Capel 14-5-30-0; Bailey 13-1-42-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Donald b Munton	20
N A Felton c Penney b Donald	93
R J Bailey c Donald b Reeve	3
*A J Lamb c Penney b Munton	13
M B Loye c Moles b Small	44
D J Capel b Smith	1
†D Ripley c Piper b Munton	7
K M Curran b Donald	0
A L Penberthy c Reeve b Smith	7
J P Taylor not out	12
N G B Cook c and b Reeve	6
Extras (b 6, lb 17, w 1, nb 8)	32
Total (108.3 overs)	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-65, 3-105, 4-173, 5-180, 6-195, 7-199, 8-213, 9-215.

BOWLING: Donald 21.5-5-55-2; Small 14-4-38-1; Munton 30-13-60-3; Reeve 11.3-4-10-2; Smith 32-12-54-2.

Second Innings

A Fordham lbw b Donald	55
N A Felton b Small	4
R J Bailey c Munton b Donald	1
A J Lamb c Munton b Donald	3
M B Loye c Piper b Munton	63
D J Capel c Ostler b Smith	0
K M Curran b Smith	4
A L Penberthy c Donald b Small	0
D Ripley not out	11
J P Taylor b Smith	0
N G B Cook c Munton b Smith	18
Extras (b 3, lb 7, nb 2)	12
Total	171

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-7, 3-11, 4-133, 5-134, 6-140, 7-140, 8-142, 9-143.

BOWLING: Donald 14-3-35-3; Small 12-3-33-1; Munton 7-5-12-1; Smith 20.2-4-81-5.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and D R Shepherd.

CORRECTION: Warwickshire first innings: N M K Smith c Bailey b Taylor 25, not as previously published.

Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of four): Nottinghamshire (13pts) tied with Worcestershire (13)*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 203

Second Innings

*T S Curtis c Cairns b Field-Buss	113
W P C Weston c sub b Mike	48
G A Hick c sub b Mike	8
D B D'Oliveira c Pollard b Mike	5
A C H Seymour c sub b Alford	49
S R Lampitt lbw b Lewis	23
†S J Rhodes c Field-Buss b Mike	26
R K Illingworth c Randall b Mike	11
N V Radford not out	12
P J Newport not out	4
Extras (b 7, lb 6, w 2)	15
Total (9 wkts dec)	325

A Wylie did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-112, 3-122, 4-226, 5-242, 6-288, 7-300, 8-313.

BOWLING: Lewis 34-13-69-1; Cairns 15-2-48-0; Alford 36-10-67-1; Field-Buss 22-6-60-1; Mike 24-5-65-5; Crawley 2-0-2-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 233

Second Innings

D W Randall c D'Oliveira b Newport	98
P R Pollard b Newport	22
*R T Robinson c Curtis b Newport	2
M A Crawley lbw b Radford	68
C L Cairns c D'Oliveira b Newport	68
C C Lewis lbw b Radford	26
G W Mike b Lampitt	1
†B N French b Newport	5
R A Pick run out	22
M G Field-Buss lbw b Lampitt	4
J A Afford not out	4
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total	295

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-65, 3-155, 4-170, 5-226, 6-237, 7-242, 8-285, 9-290.

BOWLING: Wylie 5-0-23-0; Radford 11-2-56-1; Lampitt 22-3-85-2; Newport 22-3-63-6; Illingworth 27-5-67-0.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P B Wight.

Other matches

Cambridge University v Essex

FENNER'S *(second day of three: Essex won toss): Essex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 314 runs ahead of Cambridge University*

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch retired	105
P J Prichard c Crawley b Hasta	6
N V Knight lbw b Charlesworth	11
N Hussain c Hasta b Whitfall	111
N Shahid c Cake b Pearson	4
M A Garnham lbw b Pilcher	10
N A Foster c Arscott b Whitfall	37
T D Topley b Pearson	25
P M Such c Arscott b Charlesworth	0
S J W Andrew c Jarrett b Whitfall	1
J H Childs not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	12
Total	323

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-40, 3-189, 4-217, 5-246, 6-288, 7-297, 8-304, 9-307.

BOWLING: Hasta 16-1-49-1; Charlesworth 19-5-55-2; Pilcher 13-1-49-1; Whitfall 23-6-85-3, Pearson 19.3-0-77-2.

Second Innings

P J Prichard not out	44
N V Knight not out	51
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	96

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*J P Crawley b Childs	83
G W Jones c Garnham b Andrew	1
M E D Jarrett c Garnham b Foster	10
R Cake c Knight b Andrew	0
P R Pollard b Newport	22
*R T Robinson c Curtis b Newport	2
M A Crawley b Radford	68
C L Cairns c D'Oliveira b Newport	68
C C Lewis lbw b Radford	26
G W Mike b Lampitt	1
†B N French b Newport	5
R A Pick run out	22
M G Field-Buss lbw b Lampitt	4
J A Afford not out	4
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total	295

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-65, 3-155, 4-170, 5-226, 6-237, 7-242, 8-285, 9-290.

BOWLING: Wylie 5-0-23-0; Radford 11-2-56-1; Lampitt 22-3-85-2; Newport 22-3-63-6; Illingworth 27-5-67-0.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P B Wight.

Other matches

Cambridge University v Essex

FENNER'S *(second day of three: Essex won toss): Essex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 314 runs ahead of Cambridge University*

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch retired	105
P J Prichard c Crawley b Hasta	6
N V Knight lbw b Charlesworth	11
N Hussain c Hasta b Whitfall	111
N Shahid c Cake b Pearson	4
M A Garnham lbw b Pilcher	10
N A Foster c Arscott b Whitfall	37
T D Topley b Pearson	25
P M Such c Arscott b Charlesworth	0
S J W Andrew c Jarrett b Whitfall	1
J H Childs not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	12
Total	323

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-40, 3-189, 4-217, 5-246, 6-288, 7-297, 8-304, 9-307.

BOWLING: Hasta 16-1-49-1; Charlesworth 19-5-55-2; Pilcher 13-1-49-1; Whitfall 23-6-85-3, Pearson 19.3-0-77-2.

Second Innings

P J Prichard not out	44
N V Knight not out	51
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	96

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*J P Crawley b Childs	83
G W Jones c Garnham b Andrew	1
M E D Jarrett c Garnham b Foster	10
R Cake c Knight b Andrew	0
G D Mendis not out	13
M A Atherton not out	8
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	21

N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, M Watkinson, P A J DeFreitas, P J Martin, G Chapple and A A Barnett to bat.

Umpires: D O Oslear and P Willey.

Yorkshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY *(final day of four): Lancashire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 357 runs to beat Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 319 (R J Blakey 95, S A Kellett 62; A A Barnett 5-83)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c Hegg b Martin	91
A A Metcalfe lbw b DeFreitas	5
S A Kellett c Hegg b Martin	19
C White b DeFreitas	25
†R J Blakey b Chapple	11
D Byas c Lloyd b Watkinson	48
P W Jarvis b Martin	7
D Gough c Watkinson b DeFreitas	11
R D Stemp b Martin	6
J D Batty b Martin	0
M A Robinson not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 19, nb 12)	33
Total	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-65, 3-131, 4-156, 5-223, 6-229, 7-248, 8-251, 9-251.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 19.3-52-3; Martin 20-8-35-5; Watkinson 24-3-72-1; Barnett 30-12-63-0; Chapple 12-5-15-1.

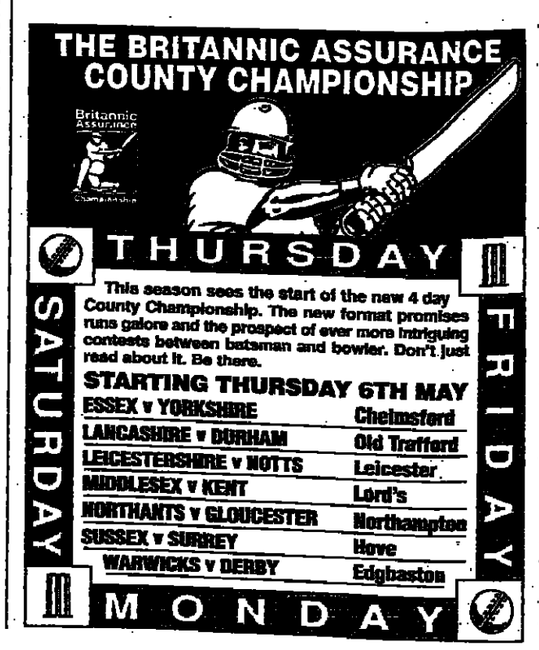
LANCASHIRE: First Innings 200 (G D Lloyd 116)

Second Innings

G D Mendis not out	13
M A Atherton not out	8
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	21

N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, M Watkinson, P A J DeFreitas, P J Martin, G Chapple and A A Barnett to bat.

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Hungary dash Britain's hopes of return to Davis Cup world group

Wilkinson fails to complete recovery

FROM DAVID POWELL IN BUDAPEST

THREE times Britain have come here for Davis Cup matches against Hungary and each one has been an epic. But, unlike the previous two, the latest ended in defeat. After fighting back from 2-0 down to level the tie yesterday, they lost 3-2 in the Europe-Africa zone second round.

Jeremy Bates and Mark Petchey had won the doubles on Saturday to reduce the deficit to 2-1 and yesterday Bates won 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 against Josef Kroschko, the Hungarian No 1. That left Chris Wilkinson with the job of delivering Britain into the qualifying round for world group status, but he was unable to do so, losing 7-5, 6-4, 7-5 to Sandor Noszaly.

Bates's match was a long one, 3hr 49min, played mostly at lazy Sunday afternoon pace. The weather was hot and humid and the outdoor pool, adjacent to the stadium, attracted as many bathers as the tennis did spectators. It was no day to be hurrying around and Kroschko would not be rushed.

He was like an awkward fly on the window, moving only when he sensed danger. Otherwise he would stand at the centre of the baseline and retrieve, inviting Bates to swat from the other end in the hope he would keep missing. Before Kroschko knew it, he had lost the first four games and Bates took the set 6-4.

The longer rallies of the second set seemed to work to Kroschko's advantage. He had the greater stamina for the slow kill, took a 4-1 lead and held three set points at 5-4 on the Briton's service. Helped by the referee, who overruled one line call in his favour, Bates saved them all, broke his opponent, then held service to love for a two sets lead.

When Kroschko, 201 places beneath the British No 1 in the world rankings, won the third set, Bates seemed to be tiring and he was to say later that, towards the climax, he felt sick with fatigue. He had lost the fifth set 6-1 against Noszaly in a singles defeat which had left Britain 2-0 behind at the end of Friday. At 5-2 down in the fourth set, Bates began to look a beaten man.

How unexpectedly things can change. Bates broke Kroschko's service and broke it again with a perfectly executed, high, angled backhand volley. He then hit three straight winners to lead 6-5 before Kroschko rediscovered his powers of resistance.

The match was at its most critical point but, to their immense credit, both men were at their most adventurous. Four match points came and went for Bates, Kroschko saving them all with winners. To win the last, he had to stretch at the net for a winning volley as Bates attempted a backhand pass.

And so to the tie-break. All points went with service until the tenth, won by Bates. Now Kroschko faced his fifth match point, but he had played his last winner. A tame backhand low into the net and it was all over.

Wilkinson still had everything to play for and the early signs were encouraging. He raced to a 3-0 lead and, at 5-3, served for the set. The clouds came over and they appeared to be gathering for Hungary.

Noszaly, as was to be drilled into Wilkinson as the match wore on, is not afraid of taking a risk and this was a day when everything he backed turned into profit. He is a giant of a man, but it was not only by sheer power that he won. He had a fine touch, too, when he needed it. With a combination of both he broke Wilkinson's service twice in succession to take the first set.

At 4-3 down in the second set, Wilkinson had four break points but took none. Noszaly leapt high off the ground to smash away the fourth. He held service and went on to take the set for a 2-0 lead. Wilkinson had a set point for the third set at 5-4, but could not take it, lost the next three games and was thus left to reflect on two singles defeats in the tie against players ranked lower than himself.

RESULTS (British names first): Doubles: M Petchey and J Bates bt A Lany and L Markovits, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Singles: Bates bt J Kroschko, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6. C Wilkinson lost to S Noszaly, 7-5, 6-4, 7-5

Seles in state of shock after stabbing

ARANTXA Sánchez-Vicario has been drafted in to replace Monica Seles as the top seed in the Italian open tennis tournament which starts in Rome today. Seles, the world No 1, left hospital yesterday after being stabbed by a spectator during the Hamburg open on Friday.

Organisers of the Italian open said on Saturday that they had no plans to hire extra security guards after the Seles incident. But they postponed the draw for 24 hours to cast around for a big-name replacement for the 19-year-old Yugoslav.

Steffi Graf, unavailable for Rome, went to see Seles, who is recovering well physically but remains in a state of shock following the attack. The world No 1 had been treated in Hamburg's University Clinic.

After visiting Seles on Saturday, Graf told a news conference: "She is in very bad shape. The wound itself is not the problem, but what is going on in her head at the moment."

Graf believes that stricter security measures will be unable to protect players from attack. "We are in the spotlight," Graf said. "We are always vulnerable. You simply have to live with it."

Medical officials at the clinic confirmed that Seles had not been seriously hurt, although she had narrowly escaped damage to her spinal cord. "The patient's psychological condition has suffered because of the malicious nature of the attack and the fact that it could have been much worse," a bulletin said.

Seles collapsed on court after the spectator leaned out from the stands and stuck a meat-trimming knife 1.5cm into her upper back muscles as she sat on a bench during a break between games in a quarter-final.

Police said the assailant told them he had not wanted to kill Seles but intended to injure her so Graf could reclaim the world No 1 spot. Graf was the top women's player for a record 186 weeks until Seles took over two years ago.

In yesterday's final of the Hamburg open, Graf, attempting to become the first player to win a tournament seven consecutive times, lost to Sánchez-Vicario 6-3, 6-3.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Centre of attention: Hacker, the Hounslow captain, under pressure during the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup final at Milton Keynes

Hounslow follow Wigan way to success

Andrew Longmore unearths the secrets of a hockey club that has been unashamedly enjoying a monopoly of the sport's honours

Hounslow Hockey Club should join Wigan Rugby League Club outside the offices of the Monopolies Commission this morning. Both stand accused of bringing the game into disrepute by their overwhelming excellence and if Hounslow cannot yet match Wigan's record of six successive cup victories, they completed their third in a row, adding the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup to their league title with a convincing 4-1 win over Teddington in Milton Keynes yesterday. Since the national league began five years ago, Hounslow have won 12 of the 17 domestic trophies on offer, a record of Liverpudlian consistency and dominance.

The only problem yesterday was that BBC television, the Hockey Association and the neutrals in a crowd of 1,500 desperately wanted a little more spice in the main dish of the season. But, after Hounslow had established a 3-1 lead three minutes into the second half, there was little else to do but sit back and admire a great team at work.

"They are just strong in all departments," Jason Laslett, the Teddington captain and the man of the match, said with a sad shake of his head. "They are good individually and they have been together so long as a team. They are setting the standards for the rest of us to follow."

It will be no consolation to the pack to learn that the secret of the club's success owes more to C.B. Fry than G. A. Gooch. Partly for reasons of geography, partly of spirit, Hounslow do not worship the gods of work-rate. They train once a week and, because many of the side are away on business or live too far away, rarely work together as a full team. Last week, Jon Potter, the veteran England and Great Britain international, was away in Switzerland, Simon Hazlitt, the club captain, was on an army exercise and Jon Rees was on a contract in the north.

But, on the pitch, the understanding is telepathic.

"We have a reputation of being a bit laid back and not training enough," the manager, Keith Rowe, says. "It's just not our style to have too strict a regime, but we have a hard core of experienced internationals who keep fit anyway and that helps." That nucleus — Potter, Thompson, Boland, Rees and Williamson, for example — have given the club a stability that allows new players time to find their feet in much the same way as Liverpool have done down the years. It also means things can be fixed on the run. Unlike Liverpool, though, there is no recognisable Hounslow way.

"We don't dictate to the younger ones," Potter says. "They can all have their say and if they come up with something, we'll try it out and see if it works."

Potter feels that relaxation and enjoyment are the key strengths in the club's continued domination. "You can train too much and get bored. Our relaxed style is not an arrogance, it's just part of the culture of the club rather like Nottingham Forest. When we get to the day we are very competitive and we set ourselves very high standards. Above all, we're good friends."

The main disappointment of a triumphant season was a 4-0 defeat by the Dutch team, HGC, in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup and, next season, their number one priority is to match the Dutch and the German teams in the European Cup.

"Others are trying to emulate us all the time," Freddie Martin, the club coach, says. "So we should never be happy with what we've done." Martin, an Ireland international and a club member at Hounslow for 15 years, had intended to concentrate on improving his golf handicap when he retired from hockey four years ago, but an experiment with a coach from outside the club failed — "not a club man" — and Martin was persuaded to take over. His main job, he says, comes in the half-hour before the match.

"I remind them of the good things and of being disciplined. But we have always had thinking players at the club. If there are problems, they are more likely to listen to reason than to me shouting at them for half an hour."

Apart from a spell in the first half, in which the young Teddington side equalised, Martin had no need to read the riot act yesterday. Hounslow opened the scoring through Gordon in the fifteenth minute and once Crutchley had restored their lead two minutes after McGuire had brought Teddington level from a short corner, the writing was firmly on the wall. Two more excellent goals, from Thompson and Hacker, in the second half simply confirmed the inevitable.

HOUNSLOW: J Barrow, M Williamson, S Hobson, P Boland, G Sweyne, D Hacker, J Potter, J Rees, N Gordon, R Thompson, R Crutchley. TEDDINGTON: G Meredith, D Cross, A Colclough, J Royce, J Wells, J Laslett, T Moore, M Riley, J Hauck, P McGuire, A Billson.
Umpires: R Parry (Southern Counties) and M Graham (Northern Counties).

Worthing take point decision

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

BY A single point, the outcome of an official's decision that could have gone either way, Worthing Bears confirmed their claim as Britain's best basketball team at Wembley yesterday.

The Bears, already the Carlsberg League champions, defeated Thames Valley Tigers 75-74 in the final of the Carlsberg championship playoffs that was as close and nerve-wracking as the scoreline suggests.

The result hinged on the decision made one second from time by Rob Illiffe to penalise Mike Obaseki for a travelling violation under the Worthing basket, instead of Colin Irish for a foul. Obaseki grimaced in dismay while Irish wheeled away in delight in the knowledge that Steve Nelson's two free shots 32 seconds earlier had proved decisive.

It was with relief as much as joy that the Bears celebrated their triumph, their first at Wembley and the fifth successive occasion that the league champions have gone on to achieve the double. They would only have had themselves to blame had they, as seemed likely, conceded a game that looked to be theirs for the taking in the eight minutes before the interval.

From 23-23, the Bears scored the next 12 points, Mark Hubbard leading the charge with two three-pointers and Cleave Lewis — voted the most valuable player of the match — with one.

Alan Cunningham, the player-coach, weighed in with another basket and the Tigers had gone almost four minutes without scoring when Obaseki interrupted the barren spell with a dunk.

But with the help of four free shots from Irish, the Bears took the sequence to 19-4 and having led by 15 points, were still comfortably ahead, 44-34, at the break.

Without the injured Spaid, Bears were still edging an intense battle for rebounds, Cunningham and Wells having marginally the better of James and Obaseki. But then, and almost to their cost, the Bears started showboating.

Without looking, Irish played a ball behind his back, intended for Cunningham. The pass went straight to Lloyd, who went down court to begin a burst of 24-7 that was to end with the same Barbadian giving the Tigers the lead at 56-55 with another jumpshot.

Thereafter, the Bears struggled, their nerve apparently gone and their accuracy awry, especially from the free-throw line after Hayles and St Kitts had helped them by getting fouled out for the Tigers.

Not that Lloyd was disturbed. Chiefly through him, the Tigers stayed ahead until Irish, Lewis and Nelson were to come up with vital points for the Bears. As Nelson went to the line for the last time, Cunningham revealed that he had told him: "Take a deep breath, Steve, have a sip of water and stay calm." Nelson did just that to become his team's match-winner as Lloyd failed to sink his last three-point attempt.

Eton lose speed in eights final

UPPER Thames beat a tired Eton in the final of the open eights at the Wallingford regatta on Saturday (Mike Rosewell writes). Eton eliminated London, the favourites, in a tough semi-final which produced the fastest time of the day, but as their in-boat computer showed, they lost their "base speed" against Upper Thames in the final.

Upper Thames, a smooth crew coached by the 1960 Olympic sculler, Sid Rand, with assistance from Australia's top sculler of the same era, Sam Mackenzie, won with ease at a controlled rate.

Eton, who were racing in school eights, which they won at a canter, had a total of five races.

Ralph Humphrey, a past Doggett's winner, was beaten by Andy Booth in the open sculls final.

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Tramontana reach Tyro Cup final

BY JOHN WATSON

TRAMONTANA, Anthony Embiricos's side, reached the final of the Tyro Cup, the Cowdray Park club's first medium-goal tournament of the season, when they defeated Ashbert Raiders 9-5 at Ambersham yesterday.

The brilliant teamwork of Martin Glue, Adrian Wade and Christopher Bethell proved decisive. Their marking and backing-up was consistently faithful, their passing accurate and the impetus of their attacks resolute. Wade and Bethell looked above their four handicaps. David Jamieson was standing in for Embiricos.

The Raiders, who are put together by the Nigerian player, Albert Esiri, played too much as individuals and committed too many fouls. Oliver Ellis was their most effective man. Paul Withers, the grand old man of Cowdray polo, who occupied their pivot position, appeared appreciably slower than he did last season. If Bethell had been luckier with his penalty shots, Tramontana's triumph would have been even more decisive.

Tramontana are more famed as a high-goal squad, in which capacity they have won the British Open five times. Their present line-up promises to be one of the best medium-goal combinations of the season.

This afternoon at Ambersham, they play Burton Mill, who defeated Cowdray Park in their semi-final. The Tyro final will be followed by a league B match for the medium-goal Texaco Trophy between The Mechanics and Cowdray Park.

The Texaco is divided into two leagues, with Tramontana, Ellerston and Burton Mill in league A, and Cowdray Park, Ashbert Raiders and The Mechanics in league B.

TRAMONTANA: 1, D Jamieson (2), 2, A Wade (4); 3, M Glue (5), Back, C Bethell (4). ASHBERT RAIDERS 1, A Esiri (1); 2, O Ellis (5); 3, P Withers (5), Back, M Brown (4).

SPORT IN BRIEF

England double masks UK cracks

ENGLAND resumed their dominance of the men's and women's European squash scene in Aix-en-Provence, France, over the weekend (Colin McQuillan writes).

But the absence of any other teams from the British Isles on the medal-winners' rostrum at the European team championships provided further evidence that the base of the game is moving away from its inventors.

With their top-ranked player of each sex missing, England still approached the rest of Europe with the women ranked third, fourth and fifth in the world, and four men from the top 16.

The women defeated Holland 3-0 in the final, completing their sixteenth successive European victory without conceding a single rubber. The men beat Germany 4-0 to regain the title.

Scotland's best performance came in the play-off for fifth place against Finland. Peter Nicol, the young Scottish champion, beat Sami Eloparo, the world No 9.

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Clean sweep for Gray

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED: Tanni Gray achieved another clean sweep of medals at the National Wheelchair Track Championships in Leicester yesterday, retaining her seven titles over every distance from 100 metres to 10,000 metres. The paralympic sprint champion overcame the windy conditions to set a British record over 10,000 metres, in which men and women compete together, knocking almost half a minute off the previous best to finish ahead of Ian Thompson in 27 minutes, four seconds. On Saturday, Gray fought off a determined performance from the NutraSweet London Marathon wheelchair champion, Rose Hill, to take the 5,000-metres gold. Unable to use her normal tactics of staying back and passing the opposition in a final sprint, she was forced to take her share of the workload as the lead switched between her and Hill. But Gray ensured victory in an enthralling race for the line.

Baggio gets red card

FOOTBALL: Switzerland took a step towards the World Cup finals in the United States next year with a 1-0 win over Italy, who had Dino Baggio sent off in Berne on Saturday. A 20-yard volley from the defender, Marc Hottinger, nine minutes into the second half gave the home side a victory that puts them two points ahead of Italy at the top of the group one table. The visitors were reduced to ten men when Baggio was dismissed a minute before half-time. With five wins and two draws from their opening seven games, Switzerland are in a strong position but they have Marco Pascolo, their goalkeeper, to thank for a series of fine saves that denied Italy in the first half.

Sampras run ended

TENNIS: Pete Sampras, the world No 1, was beaten by Jacco Eltingh, from Holland, in the semi-finals of a men's tournament in Atlanta yesterday. Eltingh, the world No 87, broke the American's 19-match winning run with a 7-6, 6-4 victory. "It's unbelievable," he said after his first success against a player ranked in the world's top five. "I got a little confident because he seemed to have difficulty returning my serve, especially the second one if I kicked it high to his backhand." Sampras delivered 18 aces, but it was not enough. "I was a little impatient," he said. "But that's the way it goes sometimes. I'm disappointed, but not sad. I'm not going to throw a tantrum because I lost a tennis match."

Akinwande eyes Bowe

BOXING: Henry Akinwande, of Britain, kept the European heavyweight title in Britain and set up a double-pronged attack on the world championship for his manager, Mickey Duff. Akinwande's defeat of the durable but limited Axel Schulz, of Germany, in Berlin ensures a top ten ranking for the 27-year-old and may lead to a contest against Riddick Bowe, the WBA and IBF title holder. "Henry is unbeaten in 21 fights and now holds the European and Commonwealth titles, which effectively makes him champion of half the world," Duff said. "I'm looking at Lewis-Bruno, then Bowe against Akinwande after Henry has had a couple of good ten-rounders."

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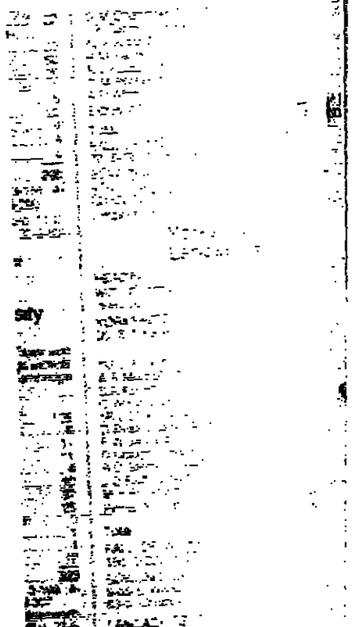
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Monie ends reign by plotting sixth successive Challenge Cup triumph for rugby league's unstoppable force

Bell retains firm grip on the tiller for Wigan

Widnes 14
Wigan 20

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A TEAM really are only as good as their captain. For Dean Bell, victory in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup was the sweetest sixth time around, not just for his masterly helmsmanship but the way the Wigan ship navigated the roughest of their Wembley passages.

In these uncharted waters, *Bell took the wheel, tore down* the Widnes mainsail in a personally dominant second half, and afterwards spliced the main brace, in as euphoric a fashion as Wigan can muster nowadays, such is the familiarity of it all.

Although *Denis Betts*, another outstanding force in Wigan's back row, ran him close, there has scarcely been a more deserving winner of *the Lance Todd man-of-the-match* trophy than the New Zealand leader of a sporting dynasty, whose time honestly was nigh for only 40 minutes on Saturday.

When John Dorahy succeeds John Monie at Central Park next season, the new coach will inherit a side so profoundly professional, so abundant in talent both existing and upcoming, that talk about Wigan "coaching" themselves is no longer an exaggeration.

Dorahy, a fellow Australian, *is a chip off the Monie block*, gently persuasive, a tactical thinker, who will not ride roughshod but watch and learn. After four successive cup and league doubles, as well as sundry other silverware, Monie has set a standard perhaps impossible to surpass, although the same was said when he replaced Graham Lowe's. Dorahy must arrive with the Midas touch, because for a decade losing has become a lost art at Wigan.

The theory that other sides can rescue themselves from the oblivion of the second division and monetary ruin, and transform themselves as the Lancashire club has done, *has yet to evolve in practice*. Nor is it likely to, given Wigan's suffocating supremacy and the game's financial deprivation.

Widnes reached the final in a more impoverished state than most clubs. The sum of their paper-rich parts did not add up on the day, and the storm they whipped up was later subsumed by a suicidal tempest with the sending-off of Richard Eyres, only the second dismissal in a final after Syd Hynes, of Leeds, in 1971.

Half back had to be their key, but Jonathan Davies got sucked into the tackling mire. Inside him, Bobby Goulding was hugely erratic and far too excitable, while John Devereux was inconsolable later after giving away a second try at Wembley.

A missed tackle in the World Cup final last October permitted Australia their winning score. In the same right-hand corner, he ran at Offiah like a bull in a china shop, the ball became dislodged and Bell was in support to bring Wigan back after Widnes had twice gone ahead in the space of ten minutes.

Tries by Eyres and Sorensen exposed the vulnerability of the Wigan cover to pace and straight running. A tale of the unexpected loomed for a while, but in a game of poor overall quality, Widnes were bountiful with their errors.

Wigan are poachers *par excellence*. Goulding's missed tackle in midfield on Edwards gave Skerrett room to bulldoze over, and an offside offence by Currier presented Botica with a simple goal to put Wigan ahead for the first time at the interval.

The message went round the Wigan dressing-room to strike immediately in the second half, as they had done *against Castleford to win the* league title. Bell, as good as his word, burst onto a neat ball from Edwards in the second minute and Panapa took the final pass by the posts.

Thereon in, Wigan and Bell were dominant. Even though Widnes tackled stoically to prevent another score, their kicking game failed to elicit mistakes by their opponents, and in the heat, cool heads evaporated. Eyres's stray elbow to the head of Offiah was matched by Goulding's haymaker on Robinson.

The frustration will stretch until next season. The vain hope then of the rest is that too much champagne will have *gone to Wigan's head*.

SCORERS: Widnes: Tries: Eyres, Sorensen. Goals: Davies (3). Wigan: Tries: Skerrett, Bell, Panapa. Goals: Botica (4).
WIDNES: S Spruce; J Devereux, A Currier (sub: S McCurrie), D Wright (sub: Currier), D Myers; J Davies, R Goulding; K Sorensen (sub: Fairhalo), P Hulme, H Howard, R Eyres, E Fairhalo (sub: J O'Neill), D Hulme.
WIGAN: S Hampson; J Robinson, J Lydon (sub: S Panapa), A Ferrer, M Offiah (sub: Lydon), F Botica, S Edwards; K Skerrett (sub: A Farrell), M Dermott, A Platt (sub: Skerrett), D Betts, P Clarke, D Bell.
Referee: R Smith (Castleford).



IAN STEWART

Safely grounded: Panapa celebrates with clenched fist after going over between the posts for Wigan's decisive try straight after half-time at Wembley on Saturday

Better game languishing in league of its own



SIMON BARNES
at Wembley

Well, a tumultuous and bone-shattering afternoon, courage and nerve stretched to the limit and all that, and at the end of it all, Wigan swaggering about with the cup, for the sixth successive time and all that. What more could rugby league want?

Last year Wigan won the cup with a display of effortless superiority. This year, they didn't play half as well, so that gave a chance to the plucky underdogs. A plucky underdog, by the way, is any rugby league team that is not Wigan.

And so we had a well-structured match scattered with errors and opportunism, with a sending-off, a brief massed brawl, and, in the end, a win for the stronger side. The game had just about everything. Why, then, did I feel just a little bit sorry for the sport of rugby league?

Somehow, it seems to be a sport that has missed its moment. Amateur rugby league was the boom participant sport of the Seventies. The professional side of the game waxed throughout the Eighties, with the famous series of notable defections from rugby union.

The most famous of them all, Jonathan Davies, was there strutting his stuff for Widnes at Wembley. Widnes, supposed to be the glamour side that would knock Wigan off the top, has become the Nearly Team. And alas, rugby league, for two decades threatening to be the boom sport of the next decade, has become the Nearly Game.

Just about every leading sport has waxed in popularity over the past ten years or so, for sport is what television does best. Perhaps the sole exception has been rugby league. What has the sport done wrong?

Absolutely nothing. I would still back Wigan to take on either of the two teams involved in the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham on Saturday afternoon, and beat the pants off them — at rugby union. And to do so playing 13 against 15. Damn it, I would back Wigan against England with the same conditions.

Rugby — either code — is primarily a game about tackling, handling and running: league does that better than any other game. Union has only recently started talking about using the tackle — the "hit" in the jargon of American football — as an offensive weapon. This has been the case in league since the *Northern Union* ceded from the Rugby Football Union in 1894.

The finest rugby side I have ever seen was that 1982 Australian rugby league side that came here and shattered the complacency of players from both codes. Both codes in this country have sought to reproduce that perfect combination of ferocity and athleticism, of mayhem and grace. And the standards of both games have risen.

But popularity? That is another matter. Rugby union, almost despite itself, has soared into the forefront of the national consciousness. The main reason is the World Cup of 1991. Rugby has long been a world game, as the organisers of the Hong Kong Sevens realised back in 1976.

Finally, with that second World Cup, the entire game of rugby union at last came to terms with this truth, and the game caught the imagination of the world. In particular, rugby union invaded most of the country's sporting hearts and minds. They sing *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* at football and at cricket these days.

This drive was sustained by the success of the England team, with two successive grand slams and a settled team full of celebs. Will Carling, the England captain, is by a mile the most famous rugby union player England has produced. No: the most famous *rugby* player. Rugby union has, despite itself, become populist. Rugby league lacks a true international dimension: and that is precisely what a sport needs if it is to be a television success.

League may be played in a handful of different countries, but it remains primarily a domestic business in those countries. The rugby league World Cup has not set the country alight.

And all this led me to a conclusion, as I watched Widnes fighting for a victory that was always going to elude them while Wigan, never at their best, had enough ferocity to hold on and win. This was a fine game: the better because neither side was playing at its best. It was error-prone, short on dazzling moments of handling skill, and the Wigan defence, normally a brick wall, was full of holes.

A game does not necessarily need to be played at its highest level of skill to be compelling. Far more important is the level of intensity. Rugby union has gained in intensity over the past two or three years. In terms of fitness and skill, it still lags behind league. Perhaps it always will: league is a staggeringly confrontational game.

But union has stolen league's thunder. Jonathan Davies, as cool and bouffant-haired as ever, cruised about in his Widnes jersey. He is the man who marks the place where the league's wave broke and rolled back. The stars, the international matches and, above all, the sense of the grand occasion: union has most of these things now.

But nothing endureth forever, especially in sport. Even Wigan's run of cup final victories will come to an end sometime. As it is, Wigan — the better players of the better game — must remain second-class citizens in sport's pecking order. But on Saturday I don't suppose they minded too much.

Greenall loses fine prospect

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

JOHNNY Greenall's Overheard, one of the most exciting *hunter chase prospects for* years, is dead.

Something went amiss when he jumped the second last fence at Bangor on Friday evening but he was brave enough to go on to win by three parts of a length. He was taken home to Caroline Saunders's yard, but was found to have severed a tendon.

A further blow for Greenall is his suspension for a week (May 7-13) for misuse of the whip when winning on Once Stung at Kelso on Wednesday. He will miss two point-to-points which will damage his prospects of winning the men's title. Alistair Crow went two ahead of him on Saturday by winning on Call Me Citizen and Scally Muire at the **Pendle Forest and Craven.**

The amazing Brunico, not jumping well and six lengths down at the last, still got up to win his eighth race of the season, the Open at the **Llangeinor**, but Melton Park kept pace with him when taking the corresponding race at the **West Norfolk.**

The Llangeinor were running at their new course at Pyle, a tight little circuit. John Llewellyn will want to forget his day there. Going well in the lead on Radio Cue he fell at the second last, and when three lengths up on Chibougame with one to jump, a loose horse careered into him and knocked him out of the saddle.

The Waltzing Mouse has a liking for the course at Dingley. He has won all his four races at this course, on the last two occasions in dead-heats and on Saturday, in the intermediate at **The Fernie**, by a neck.

Today's meetings: Barnwen Miners, Resolven, five miles north east of Neath (first race 2.30); Cotley, Cotley Farm, 2m S of Chard (2.00); Enfield Chace, Northaw, 2m NE of Potters Bar (2.00); Hampshire, Hackwood Park, 2m SE of Basingstoke (2.00); North Shropshire, Eyton-on-Severn, 6m SE of Shrewsbury (2.00); Radnor & West Hereford, Cursneh Hill, 1m W of Leominster (2.00); Stevenstone, Stibb Cross, 9m S of Bideford (2.00); Warwickshire, Ashorne, 4m S of Warwick (4.30); West Street Tickham, Aldington, 6m SE of Ashford (2.00), Zetland, Witton Castle, 3m W of Bishop Auckland (2.00).

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

ALBRIGHTON (Weston Park): Hunt: 1, Can Fly (Miss J Cambidge, 8-11 fav); 2, Kamadoor; only 2 fin. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Soldiers Duty (W Bryan, Evens fav); 2, Ashpits; 3, Wrekin Warrior. 7 ran. Open: 1, Local Customer (B Lacey, 4-7 fav), Guild Street; 3, Gentleman's Jig. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Czarmino (Miss J Priest, 2-1); 2, Shanbally Boy; 3, Mayannoor. 5 ran. Rest: 1, First Harvest (J Barlow, 8-1); 2, Whatagale; 3, Hayble. 6 ran. Open mdn (Div I): 1, Over The Stoney (A Phillips, 4-8 fav); 2, Casbury; 3, Haye Buster. 10 ran. Open mdn (Div II): 1, Royal Bridge (M Worthington, 33-1); 2, Five Fellows, 3, Esprit De Feu. 10 ran.

BERKSLEY (Woodford): Rest: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheeler, 8-1); 2, Baron's Heir; 3, Dancing Doris. 12 ran. Hunt: 1, Woodway (N Deacon, 8-1); 2, Yankee Doodle; 3, Just Sam. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Cream By Post (Miss J Brackenbury, 7-1); 2, New Game; 3, Salcombe Harbour. 6 ran. Open: 1, See More Indians (J Farthing, 2-7 fav); 2, Random Place; 3, Shadow Walker. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Gradmount (Miss A Dare, 1-2 fav); 2, Blue Chask; 3, Mickley Treasure. 10 ran. Mdn: 1, Longdrum (N Bush, 5-1); 2, Celbc Member; 3, Always Great. 13 ran

BERKS & BUCKS DRAGHOUNDS (Barbury Castle): Hunt: 1, Crouper Lad (A Balding, 3-1); 2, Beswick; 3, Night Watch. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Punching Glory (S Sweating, 10-1); 2, Pick Roundstone; 3, Night Session. 11 ran. Open: 1, Strong Bond (N Mitchell, 8-1); 2, One More Knight; 3, Sevens Out. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Rusty Law (Miss K Ellis, 4-7 fav); 2, Button Your Lip; 3, Spirited Holme. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Prinzal (C Hancock, 9-2); 2, Columcille; 3, Prince Seve. 7 ran. Open mdn: 1, Scorpio Sam (L Baker, 25-1); 2, Time Star; 3, Supreme Rock. 11 ran.

BLANKNEY (Market Rasen): Intermediate: 1, Ballinacourty (Miss S French, 4-7 fav); finished alone. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Oxford Place (Mrs F Needham, 4-1); 2, Kemys Commander; 3, O'Reilly. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Cross The Mist (Miss H Callow, 4-6 fav); 2, Oh Mother; 3, Kimswa. 6 ran. Open: 1, Canals Major (D Applewhite, 8-4); 2, Rain Mark; 3, Cawkwell Tom. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Bowery Boy (C Bealby, 6-4 fav); 2, Jerrigo; 3, Paquerette. 6 ran. Open mdn: 1, Fragrant Fellow (A Pickering, 14-1); 2, He-To-See; 3, Final Nod. 14 ran. Hunt: 1, Spaghetti Way (Mrs M Morris, 2-5 fav); finished alone. 3 ran.

DEVON & SOMERSET STAGHOUNDS (Hoinicote): Hunt: 1, Tangle Jim (Miss P Curling, Evens fav); 2, Barnaby Benz; only 2 fin. 5 ran. Open: 1, Little Lemon (N Moore, 1-2 fav); 2, Sonofagipsy; 3, Be My Luck. 8 ran. Confined: 1, The Doormaker (Miss P Curling, 4-6 fav); 2, Mylegs; 3, Happy News. 4 ran. Rest: 1, West Quay (H Rowsell, 7-2); 2, Tiltarys Nectine; 3, Buckosk. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Rymng Cupid (Miss S Vickery, 4-6 fav); 2, Bee Garden; 3, Suez. 7 ran. Open mdn: 1, Our Billy Boy (S Ellis, 20-1); 2, Country Spider; 3, Sullivans Choice. 13 ran.

FERNIE (Dingley): Hunt: 1, Peel Forest (C Millington, 5-1); 2, Royal Approval; 3, Write The Music. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Highland Laird (J Henderson, 33-1); 2, Bam Bras; 3, Elvercone. 7 ran. Intermediate: 1, The Waltzing Mouse (D Easten, 4-1); 2, Lord Pawsley; 3, Pancratic. 7 ran. Mixed open: 1, Kelly's Honor (J Sharp, Evens fav); 2, Arctic Paddy; 3, Fence Judge. 3 ran. Rest: 1, Gillanbone (A Sansome, 25-1); 2, Johnny's Choice; 3, Force Eleven. 9 ran. Open mdn: 1, River Spirit (A Hill, 5-2 fav); 2, Captain Pike; 3, Toozan Tak. 16 ran.

LAUDERDALE (Moorhouses): Hunt: 1, Hittle Skittle (Miss H Dudgeon, 7-2); 2, Happy End; 3, Mystic Merlin. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Geordies Brig (T Scott, 10-1); 2, Merry Jerry; 3, Andrew. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Marshalstoneswood (Miss A Bowie, 14-1); 2, Gaelic Empress; 3, Eye Valley. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Furry Venture (Miss D Calder, 5-2); 2, Whistle Blinkie; 3, Strong Character. 9 ran. Open: 1, Jimmy River (A Parker, 4-7 fav); 2, Royalist; 3, Whistles Newmember. 9 ran. Open mdn I: 1, Melton Court (C Sample, 9-1); 2, Poseidonia; 3, Sayin Nowt. 13 ran. Open mdn II: 1, Easter Oats (S Love, 8-1); 2, Rex Tremenda; 3, Whinstone Mill. 13 ran.

LLANGEINOR (Pyle): Hunt: 1, Precious Link (J Tudor, 5-2 fav); 2, Clevaco Gate; 3, Gallic Belle. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Kacere (D S Jones, 50-1); 2, Cosa Nostra; 3, Trumpet Player. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Fest Freeze (Mrs J Hawkins, Evens fav); 2, Hot Handed; only 2 fin. 4 ran. Open: 1, Brunico (R Treloggen, 1-3 fav); 2, Solars Pride; 3, Fields Man. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Mo's Chorister (F Williams, 20-1); 2, Origami; 3, Valiant Friend. 11 ran. Open mdn I: 1, Fay's Pet (E Williams, 8-1); 2, Gold Diver; 3, Yours Grenville. 13 ran. Open mdn II: 1, Lonesome Step (A Price, 8-1); 2, La Mezeray; 3, Nursery Story. 11 ran.

OLD SURREY & BURSTOW (Penshurst): Hunt: 1, Titan (Miss E Leppard, 5-1); 2, Bendigo; 3, O'Mac; 3, Billy Buck. 12 ran. Hunt: 1, Firewater Station (T McCarthy, 2-7 fav); 2, Texan Cowboy; 3, Southern Member. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Royal Harbour (T Underwood, 4-1); 2, Kristenson; 3, Which Way Now. 8 ran. Open: 1, Wye Lea (P Bull, 4-5 fav); finished alone. 2 ran. Ladies: 1, Mountaico (Miss A Embiricos, 8-1); 2, Green Tops; 3, Liberty Square. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Supreme Dealer (A Warr, 4-1); 2, Clover Coin; 3, John Paul. 7 ran. Open mdn: 1, Manaolana. (G Cosgrove, 14-1); 2, Khartoum Flyer; 3, Willow Wren. 13 ran.

PENDLE FOREST & CRAVEN (Gisburn): Hunt: 1, Maharia (D Costea, 2-5 fav); 2, Jack Dwyer; 3, Macory. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Col Lans (R Warmsley, 2-1); 2, Vague Influence; 3, Charlie Chalk. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Fly For Us (Miss C Burgess. 7-2); 2, Straight Flick; 3, Dreaming Star. 5 ran. Open: 1, Call Me Citizen (A Crow, 8-4 fav); 2, Bishopric; only 2 fin. 5 ran. PPOA: 1, Scally Muire (A Crow, 1-3 fav); 2, Mister Kelly; 3, Tiber Melody. 5 ran. Open mdn I: 1, Kellies Argument (Mrs J Brown, 4-1); 2, Charter Fair; 3, Three Potato Four. 9 ran. Open mdn II: 1, Hurricane Linda (D Costea, 4-1 co-fav); 2, Artists Gazette; 3, Tepi's Double. 13 ran.

WEST NORFOLK (Fakenham Point Course): Hunt: 1, Eskinosh (C Ward, 2-1); 2, Pendil's Joy; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Shimshek (S Cowell, 5-4 fav); 2, Easy Over; 3, Fabulous Queen. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Dionup (S March, 7-4 j-fav); 2, No Release; 3, Whistling Eddy. 8 ran. Open: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 1-2 fav), 2, Wise Gambol; 3, Dear Crest. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Fort Hall (Miss T Bracegirdle, 7-2); 2, Mountain Creek; 3, Mr Gossip. 7 ran. Open maiden: 1, Rural Custom (J Townson, 5-4 fav); 2, Just Maisy; 3, Fighting Trout. 11 ran.

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Emerging Leicester pass significant test as Winterbottom bids farewell

Johnson try decisive in error-strewn cup final



The best is to come from Saturday's Twickenham victors, **David Hands**, rugby correspondent, believes

ACCORDING to Ian Smith, Bath remain "indisputably" England's leading team. But the clatter of pursuing Leicester studs became louder in Bath ears at a warm, hazy Twickenham on Saturday as the Tigers, whom Smith coaches, fended off mercurial Harlequins to win the Pilkington Cup by two goals, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a goal and three penalties.

It is not so much what Leicester are as what they may become. Always an intensely self-critical club, their players reflected after their 23-16 victory that they had not been able to play as well as they can. Yet they won the cup. As a significant development stage in the maturing of a team, Saturday's final cannot be over-estimated.

It was typical of the game as a whole that it should have been won, effectively, by a "mistake" — if scoring tries can be so described. When Leicester took a free kick 15 metres from the opposing try-line, they anticipated that Martin Johnson's charging run would establish a ruck from which they hoped to move the ball wide but the dummy runs of three colleagues created a huge rift in the defence through which Johnson, nearly 18 stone and no sluggard, snorted his way to only his second try for his club.

Defensive error or offensive skills: you pays your money. But the try and conversion made up the difference between the clubs by the end of a game flawed by error. "Neither we nor Harlequins expressed the control of the ball, or the game, they wanted," Wells, the Leicester captain nearly prevented from playing by a thigh strain, said.

The Harlequins midfield played as though they had never met before which, in a sense, they had not, so infrequently has their first-choice back division turned out this season. The whole side, too, had to recover from the psychological body blow of losing Brian Moore, the England hooker, on the morning of the match after his failure to recover from a groin strain.

Those close to Leicester's core will tell you that Smith and Paul Dodge, the former England captain who assists with the backs, have made remarkable strides this season. They know the game inside out and when Smith claims that nearly every member of his squad has the potential to challenge for representative honours of some kind, his view must be respected.

"We have a group of young players who have gained a vast amount of experience in a short time," Smith said. "On this performance they have a long way to go. The side lacks a degree of consistency, not only from week to week, but from half to half. When we have that, we can challenge the best in the country."

But Smith also had time to pay tribute to Peter Winterbottom, who retired from the domestic stage with no histrionics, a laconic half-wave to the 56,000 crowd marking his departure. "You saw today why Winterbottom has been one of the leading flankers in the world for more than a decade," Smith said.

Leicester did not set out to play a kicking game, but by cutting off the open-side avenues for Harris, Winterbottom ensured that they did. Neither club, though, had a commanding presence behind the scrum and the high kick ruled. In that respect, Harris was by no means outshone by Challinor.

Back's contributions were more obvious than Winterbottom's, demonstrative of his reflex speed once the tackle has been made. He had a hand in the first Leicester try, in Harris's dropped goal and a foot in the second try, since it was his precise diagonal kick from the stand-off position that established the position from which Johnson scored.

Challinor's kick having led to the ruck from which Glenister scored, Leicester responded with a gem — though only after Challinor had kicked possession away. Liley's midfield break was sustained by his forwards before Potter, his dummy carrying Bray and Glenister onward and outward, slashed through the defence and over the line.

Back might have scored himself at the time that Leicester threatened to take control of the game, ten minutes before the interval. But, having levelled at 7-7 and then 10-10, and with the Harlequins defence dragged into the southeast corner, Johnson's unexpected appearance in midfield slowed delivery in the direction of the flying Tony Underwood and the chance was gone.

Instead, Leicester conceded the lead yet again, to Challinor's second penalty, and not even their ten-point burst at the start of the second half was enough to give them genuine comfort. Adversity produced the best from Harlequins, whose forwards carried the game to their opponents even in the temporary absence of Langhorn, who required stitches to a gashed head.

I doubt if Sheasby has played better for his club, his zest at close quarters holding the rolling Leicester maul that preceded an outburst of fighting and some niggling foul play that was kept in check by Tony Spreadbury's authoritative refereeing.

An offside decision against Tony Underwood gave Challinor, shrugging off a bruised hip, the chance to maintain his 100 per cent kicking record and Madderson's late run stretched already-taut Leicester nerves before Liley applied soothing balm. The cup, for the fourth time in seven final appearances but for the first time since 1981, was in Wells's safe hands.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Potter, Johnson. Conversions: Liley (2) Penalty goals: Liley (2) Dropped goal: Harris. Harlequins: Try: Glenister. Conversion: Challinor Penalty goals: Challinor (3).

LEICESTER: J Liley, T Underwood, S Potter, I Bates, R Underwood, J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells (captain), M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; C Madderson, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander, P Challinor, R Glenister; J Leonard, N Killick, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, R Langhorn, P Winterbottom (captain), C Sheasby.

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).



MARC ASPLAND

Hands up: Glenister, right, and Mullins try to charge down Kardooni's kick at Twickenham on Saturday

Yachts seek redress over search

By Barry Pickthall

ALL the British Steel Challenge yachts crossed the equator yesterday and began the game of picking their way through the fickle winds and thunderstorms that make up the Doldrums.

Initially, changing conditions have favoured Mike Golding's men on Group 4 Securitas, who moved two miles closer to the Southampton finish than Richard Merriweather's Commercial Union. However, with just 35 miles dividing first from fifth yesterday, this final leg from Cape Town is still wide open.

To complicate matters, John Chittenden's crew on Nuclear Electric, who held a 7hr 56min advantage over Group 4 in the overall standings when they set out from Table Bay two weeks ago, are likely to seek an allowance for the time they lost going to aid the Heath Insured crew search for their lost crew man, Bill Vincent, last Thursday night. Nuclear Electric had been ahead of Group 4 when the news of Vincent was broadcast, and the crew now find themselves trailing 23 miles astern.

Another to seek redress will be Interspray. She was 124 miles from Heath at the time Vincent was lost overboard, and motorsailed towards the search area for two hours 40 minutes before being advised to resume racing by the race organisers.

The skipper, Paul Jeffes, has suggested to his sponsor that their yacht lost 35 miles on the fleet, which on yesterday's positions, would move Interspray up to sixth place, ten miles ahead of Pride of Teesside.

With the winds lessening, crews are continually gybing in an effort to maintain the best sailing angles. "Richard Merriweather has kept us all busy gybing from one course to another," Sue Tight reported from Commercial Union yesterday.

She also admitted: "The heat is beginning to be unbearable, sleep is difficult and sun-tan lotion is constantly being applied."

Leading yachts should break through into more refreshing northeast trade winds by midweek and then prepare for their next tactical test, the Azores High before returning to Southampton around May 21.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 1400GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 3,061. 2, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 3,063. 3, British Steel II (R Tudor), 3,084. 4, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 3,085. 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillpot), 3,096. 6, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 3,114. 7, Holsbrau Lager (P Goss), 3,155. 8, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3,155. 9, Interspray (P Jeffes), 3,204. 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 3,305

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Andiamo dances to success in cup qualifier

By Jenny MacArthur

SVEN Rothenburger, of Germany, won the Volvo World Cup qualifier at the Goodwood international dressage championships yesterday after a scintillating performance on his 1991 World Cup winner, Andiamo.

The qualifier, a freestyle to music test, was the most competitive at Goodwood since the World Cup series began in 1985. Gina Cappelman-Lutkemeier who was fourth in the World Cup final this year, was runner-up on the former Polish team horse, Cyprys.

Her compatriot, Isabell Werth, the Olympic individual silver medal-winner, was third on her 1992 World Cup winner, Fabienne. The two German women finished on the same score, but Cappelman-Lutkemeier was given second place because of her higher mark for artistic merit.

Kyra Kyrklund, of Finland, another former winner of the Cup, gave one of the most attractive performances of the afternoon — dancing her way to fourth place on Edinburg. Britain's best placing came from Laura Fry, on Quarryman, who scored highly for artistic merit and finished fifth.

The high quality of the qualifier provided a fitting end to three glorious days of dressage at Goodwood. The Grand Prix Special on Saturday was won convincingly by Christolet Boylen, of Canada, on Biraldo.

For Britain, Carl Hester, whose powerful stallion, Giorgione, had failed to settle in Friday's grand prix, showed his true colours in the more exacting Special test to finish third behind Anne Van Olst, of Denmark, on Chevalier.

Earlier yesterday, Tineke Bartels, a member of the Dutch Olympic silver medal-winning team in Barcelona, won the Intermediaire I competition on Olympic Barbria, who was competing at his first international meeting.

Yesterday's win was timely. Bartels recently persuaded the Dutch Olympic Foundation to include Barbria in its pool of potential Olympic horses, which are leased to the foundation to prevent them from being sold abroad.

RESULTS: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, Andiamo (S Rothenburger, Ger), 74.7pts. 2, Cyprys (G Cappelman-Lutkemeier, Ger), 73.3. 3, Fabienne (I Werth, Ger), 73.3. Grand Prix Special: 1, Biraldo (C Boylen, Can), 1,456pts. 2, Chevalier (A van Olst, Den), 1,386. 3, Giorgione (C Hester, GB), 1,363. Grand prix: 1, Andiamo (Rothenburger), 1,616; 2 Edinburg, (K Kyrklund, Fin), 1,609, 3, Cyprys (Cappelman-Lutkemeier). Best British placing: 5, Quarryman (L Fry), 1,510. Intermediaire 1: 1, Olympic Barbria, (T Bartels, Holl), 1,240; 2, Amadeus (G Rothenbourger-Gordijn, Holl), 1,223, 3, Mester Mouse (J Jackson, GB), 1,214, 4, Catherston Dazzler (J Lonston-Clarke, GB), 1,212; 5, Catherston Dutch Bid (L Lonston-Clarke, GB), 1,189

Under-21s show confidence

England Under-21 31
French Services U-21 ...3

By David Hands

ENGLAND will not lack for confidence when they depart in late June for their seven-match under-21 tour to Australia. Saturday's exercise at Twickenham provided them with their third success of a necessarily-fragmented season, the French following the same road as the Italians and the Irish last autumn.

But the limitations imposed at this representative level were clear and if they had not enjoyed such domination at the lineout, England might have been tested far more. Indeed, if the French had been better disciplined or possessed a finisher anything like Michel Marfaing, who graced this fixture a year ago, they would have had far more to show than Sebastien Bertranck's solitary first-half dropped goal to set against two goals, a try and four penalty goals.

Mike Catt, Bath's deputy at stand-off half to Stuart Barnes (though picked here at centre), dominated the scoreboard with 21 points. His goalkicking style is not beautiful to watch but, once he had found his range, he did not miss a thing. Since Catt, Paul Beech and the confident Tony Handley are all in the tour party there will be no shortage of competition at stand-off.

Much of England's good work revolved round their back row and Marcus Olsen, the scrum half. Olsen, who is playing with Llandovery in the second division of the Heineken League, is from Salisbury — like his school colleague, Richard Hill. He opened the scoring when in deft support of Jon Sleightholme.

Olsen, playing opposite the one senior international on the field in Fabien Galthié, made some nimble breaks and gave Handley room for some telling kicks. Handley was also twice involved in the movement that brought Tim Stimpson's try and allowed England to pull away.

SCORERS: England Under-21: Tries: Hill, Simpson, Catt. Conversions: Catt (2). Penalty goals: Catt (4). French Armed Services: Dropped goal: S Bertranck.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: T Stimpson (Wakefield), J Sleightholme (Wakefield), D Edwards (Wakefield), M Catt (Bath), D O'Leary (Saracens), A Handley (Waterloo), M Olsen (Llandovery), D Molloy (Wasps), M Regan (Bristol), D Crompton (Bath), A Diprose (Saracens), R Bramley (Wakefield, capt), S Shaw (Bristol), L Dallaglio (Wasps), R Hill (Salisbury)

FRENCH ARMED SERVICES: L Meric (Dax), P Phillipe (Montchanin), O Poullgny (Valence d'Agen), G Duclos (Brive; rep, S Berthot, Montferrand), F Bertranck (Montferrand); S Bertranck (Uzes, captain, rep, L Jacq, Brive), F Galthié (Colomiers); L Toussaint (Castres), E Bechotte (Chalon), D Laperne (Dax; rep, B Lascoumettes, Mont-de-Marsan), C Plauche (Montpellier), T Bocquenet (Nimes), F Jolmes (FUC), A Chazalet (Valence), P Bichar (Perpignan). Referee: J Bacigalupo (Scotland).

Cardiff prize second best

Swansea 10
Cardiff 16

By Gerald Davies

NICE though they are displayed on a mantelpiece or in the trophy room, prizes are not everything. Cardiff may feel disappointed there is no trophy to show for their season's efforts but, by beating Swansea by a goal, two penalties and a dropped goal to a goal and a penalty they finished in second place in the Heineken League first division.

They will no doubt ponder on the ifs and buts of their four defeats, but before they shed any tears they might consider where they came from.

They scraped a mere five wins last season and had this season's regulations been in place, ending second from the bottom as they then did would have meant playing second division rugby this season instead. As for the cup, their unexpected defeat by minnows St Peter's is best put down to experience.

It has been a remarkable transformation. Swansea have suffered a turn-around, too, but in the opposite direction. Little more than a month ago they were in the driving seat and all they needed to do was keep their heads.

If anyone else stood a chance of winning the title, Swansea first had to falter. And falter they did, dramatically. With illnesses partly to blame, they lost their last three matches to relinquish the title to Llanelli and allow Cardiff to pip them for the runner-up position and £20,000. In a sliding scale of prize-money this meant a difference from the third place of £2,000.

Cardiff are now off to Australia, from where their coach, Alex Evans, hails. They will travel in the knowledge that their squad of players is a young one whereas Mike Ruddock, the Swansea coach, may ponder that time is catching up with some of his.

Important for both teams will be the further adjustment they need to make to accommodate the law changes which have been given an extension of a further 12 months. Too often, on Saturday, the ball failed to return from the ruck or maul or else returned too slowly. This accounted for the game drifting away in the second half.

In a breathless first quarter of attack and counter-attack, the ball was moved up and down the length of the field. What Llanelli can do, so can we, the teams seemed to say. Two very good tries were scored. Hill's was the first for Cardiff. Taylor made the breach, followed by Palfrey's half-break and good passing under pressure produced the score for the winger. Ian Davies's thrust for Swansea led to 18-year-old Robbie Jones getting his try. Rayer and Williams converted respectively.

Aled Williams took Swansea into the lead 15 seconds into the second half with a dropped goal, but it was Cardiff who were to dominate the rest of the match. Close though they came, no tries followed and Rayer's two penalties gave them a slim lead which Swansea threatened to overhaul with their occasional breakaways. Adrian Davies's dropped goal gave Cardiff a safer margin.

SCORERS: Swansea: Try: R Jones. Conversion: Williams. Dropped goal: Williams. Cardiff: Try: Hill. Conversion: Rayer. Penalty goals: Rayer (2). Dropped goal: Davies

SWANSEA: D Weatherley, M Titley, J Ball, K Hopkins, S Davies; A Williams, R Jones; C Clarke, I Watkins, A Metcalfe, I Davies, A Sutton (rep: R Moriarty), P Arnold, A Reynolds (rep: Robin Jones), Stuart Davies (captain).

CARDIFF: M Rayer; S Hill, A Palfrey, C Lally, G Lewis; A Davies, A Moore; P Sedgemore, J Humphreys, K Matthews, P Kawulok, T Rees, S Roy, H Stone, H Taylor (captain).

Referee: D Bevan (WRU).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup

Final

Harlequins 16 Leicester 23

Harlequins: Tries: Glenister Cons: Challinor. Pens: Challinor (3)
Leicester: Tries: Johnson, Potter. Cons: Liley (2). Pens: Liley (2). Dropped Goals: Harris

Representative match

(at Twickenham)

England U-21 31 French Armed F 3

England U-21: Tries: Catt, Hill, Simpson. Cons: Catt (2). Pens: Catt (4).
French Armed Forces: Dropped Goals: Bertranck.

Heineken League

First division

Bridgend 37 Maesteg 24

Bridgend: Tries: Bradshaw, Evans, D Jones, M Jones. Cons: Evans (4) Pens: Evans (3).
Maesteg: Tries: Gibbey, Penalty, Thomas. Cons: Davey (2), D Williams. Pens: Davey.

Neath 14 Llanelli 31

Neath: Tries: Gerrard, D Jones Cons: Bird (2).
Llanelli: Tries: L Davies, P Jones, Quinnell, Richards, Williams. Cons: Williams (3).

Newport 57 Newbridge 18

Newport: Tries: Lewis (2), Ornell (2), George, Jones, Voyle, Westwood. Cons: Williams (6), Westwood Pens: Westwood
Newbridge: Tries: Glasson, Hayward. Cons: Hayward. Pens: Hayward (2).

Pontypool 71 S Wales Police 8

Pontypool: Tries: B Taylor (3), L Jones (2), Carr, Goodey, Rogers, Spiller, W Taylor, White. Cons: Carr (8).
South Wales Police: Tries: Matthews. Pens: Cox.

Pontypridd 36 Aberavon 10

Pontypridd: Tries: Jenkins (2), Back, N Jones. Cons: Jenkins (2). Pens: Jenkins (3). Dropped Goals: Jenkins.
Aberavon: Tries: Diplock. Cons: N Griffiths. Pens: N Griffiths.

Swansea 10 Cardiff 16

Swansea: Tries: R Jones. Cons: Williams. Dropped Goals: Williams.
Cardiff: Tries: Hill, Cons: Rayer Pens: Rayer (2). Dropped Goals: Davies

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llanelli	22	18	1	2	901	264	38
Cardiff	22	18	0	4	636	280	36
Swansea	22	17	0	5	548	326	34
Neath	22	13	0	9	449	359	26
Pontypridd	22	11	2	9	400	353	24
Bridgend	22	11	1	10	482	400	23
Newport	22	11	0	11	513	512	22
Pontypool	22	10	0	12	489	508	20
Aberavon	22	7	0	15	271	501	14
Newbridge	22	6	0	16	258	536	12
S Wales Police	22	3	1	18	243	746	7
Maesteg	22	3	1	18	278	632	7

Second division

Abertillery	20	Penarth	16
Cross Keys	45	Blaina	7
Glamorgan W	12	Narberth	37
Llandovery	6	Llanharan	19
Tenby U	6	Dunvant	7

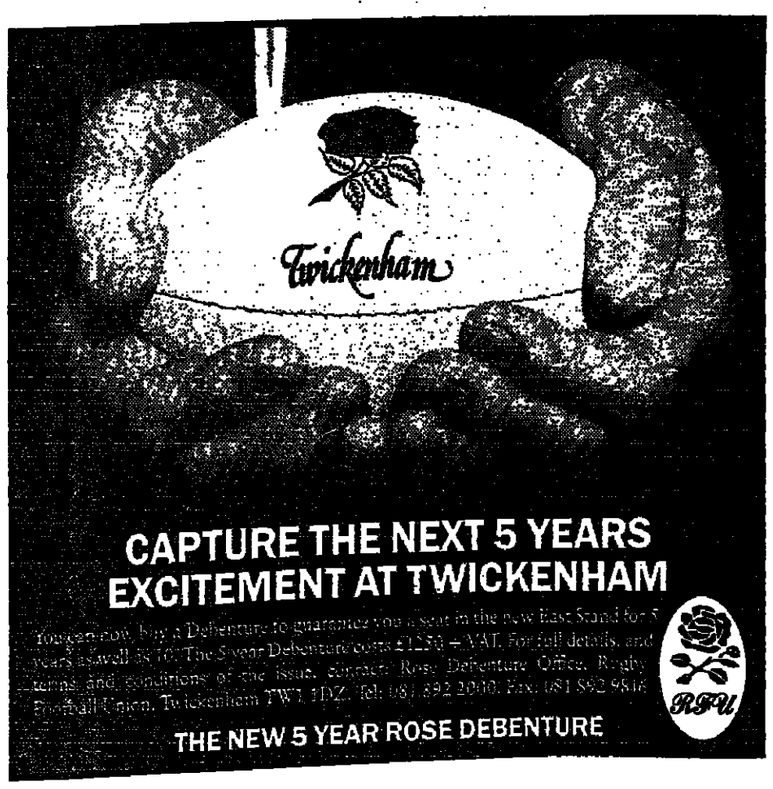
SUPER 10 TOURNAMENT: Pool A: Auckland 22, Natal 6; Queensland 20, Otago 8. Pool B: Northern Transvaal 28, Waikato 18; New South Wales 17, North Harbour 18.

Pool A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Auckland	4	4	0	0	125	59	16
Natal	3	2	0	1	97	48	8
Queensland	3	1	0	2	60	57	5
W Samoa	3	1	0	2	50	93	4
Otago	3	0	0	3	43	118	0

Pool B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Transvaal	3	3	0	0	111	50	12
Nth Transvaal	3	2	0	1	95	80	8
N South Wales	3	1	0	2	54	74	8
Waikato	4	1	0	3	75	99	5
Nth Harbour	3	0	0	3	53	86	2





Spence errors present chance to Davis

IN A startling reversal of form, Rodger Davis, of Australia, won the Air France Cannes open yesterday, nine days after collecting a round of 82 and missing the halfway cut in the Catalan open by nine strokes.

He beat Zimbabwe's Mark McNulty with a par four at the first play-off hole yesterday after Jamie Spence, of Kent, let slip a two-stroke lead over the closing stretch. McNulty, winner of the title in 1988 and 1990, came from six strokes back with a closing 64, but Davis pitched to within 18 inches of the last to catch him on a 13-under-par total of 271.

When they returned to the 425-yard 17th, McNulty uncharacteristically three-putted from the fringe, missing from six feet. Davis, who won £66,660 to McNulty's £44,440, said: "I put in a lot of practice after last week — and I also had a bit of luck. My second shot to the 17th carried the lake by a foot."

Spence, having looked set to make full amends for being disqualified when leading the Rome Masters two weeks ago, fell back into a share of third place with Pierre Fulke, of Sweden, on 12 under. The hole that did the damage for the Tunbridge Wells player was the 545-yard 14th, where he ran up a two-over-par seven.

FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 271: R Davis (Aus), 68, 64, 69, 70, M McNulty (Zim) 69 70 68 64 (Davis won after play-off). 272: P Fulke (Swe), 66, 66, 72, 68, J Spence, 68, 67, 66, 71. 273: A Forsbrand (Swe), 68, 68, 68, 69. 274: M Harwood (Aus), 69, 71, 68, 66; J Coceres (Arg), 69, 69, 66, 70. 275: B Marchbank, 66, 70, 71, 68; C Mason, 68, 70, 68, 69; B Lane, 68, 68, 68, 71. 276: A Murray, 70, 68, 71, 67, M Pinero (Sp), 69, 66, 70, 71. 277: P Way, 72, 68, 67, 70; M Mackenzie, 70, 70, 67, 70. 278: G Cali (It), 68, 70, 72, 68; J Hobday (SA), 70, 69, 71, 68; T Johnstone (Zim), 73, 66, 70, 69, J Parnevik (Swe), 70, 69, 70, 69; S McAllister, 72, 68, 68, 70. 279: S Field, 71, 66, 73, 69; P-U Johansson (Swe), 70, 69, 70, 70; J Rivero (Sp), 70, 65, 72, 71, P Fowler (Aus), 71, 70, 66, 72; S Tinning (Den), 69, 71, 65, 74. 280: M Pendaries (Fr), 69, 73, 71, 67; A Binaghi (It), 71, 71, 69, 69; D Smyth, 72, 70, 69, 69; D Clarke, 71, 70, 68, 71; I Palmer (SA), 68, 72, 67, 73; W Westner (SA), 71, 69, 67, 73; S Grappasonni (It), 67, 72, 67, 74.

RYDER CUP POSITIONS: 1, B Lane (Eng), 299,222.11; 2, C Montgomerie (Scot), 239,426.35; 3, N Faldo (Eng), 228,527.50; 4, J Spence (Eng), 210,577.65; 5, M James (Eng), 195,659.08; 6, D Gilford (Eng), 175,455.93; 7, A Lyle (Scot) 172,109.01; 8, B Langer (Ger), 164,751.48; 9, S Richardson (Eng), 164,002.91; 10, M A Jimenez (Sp), 161,678.18; 11, C Rocca (It), 160,166.27; 12, J Payne (Eng), 152,108.24; 13, M Roe (Eng), 148,727.91; 14, S Torrance (Scot), 147,815.95; 15, A Forsbrand (Swe), 122,466.04; 16, R Karlsson (Swe), 118,217.50; 17, D Feherty (N Ire), 112,555; 18, G Brand Jnr (Scot), 105,907.76; 19, J M Olazábal (Sp), 104,414.17; 20, I Woosnam (Wales), 100,280.21.

MARC ASPLAND



Victory bound: Federica Dassu, of Italy, on the way to winning the Ford Classic by one shot from Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, at Woburn yesterday

Dassu masters Woburn as Sorenstam's hopes fade

By Patricia Davies

FEDERICA Dassu continued the Italian connection in the Ford Classic with an unexpected victory at Woburn yesterday. Last year, Stefania Croce won the title but could not defend it because she was playing in America, and Dassu woke up on Sunday morning with the thought, "If she can do it, so can I. I'll defend the title for her".

It was to prove a triumph of positive thinking for Dassu, 36, whose last win in a strokeplay event was in 1985. She started four shots behind Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, and finished one shot ahead after a round of 71, three under par, for a total of 289, seven under.

Sorenstam, playing in her first European event as a professional, looked as though she was going to run away with it after two birdies in the first three holes took her to 10 under par. "I planned to but it didn't happen," she said. "I think I started thinking more of the score instead of hitting a shot at a time, which is how I should play. I got a little scared, a little shaky."

The Swede, who is 22, is a self-assured young woman, and it was only a quickening of her swing that betrayed her nerves. She plays quickly in any case, but she did not have the experience — and neither did her father, who was caddieing for her — to force herself to take a little time to settle when things started to go wrong.

And go wrong they did. Out in 37, level par, she was still a shot ahead of Dassu, who had four birdies in an outward half of 34, but all that changed when Sorenstam dropped four shots in three holes, starting at the 11th. She pulled her second shot into a bunker there for a bogey five. She drove into the trees at the 12th and compounded the error by three-putting for a six, to lose the lead, and also took three putts for a bogey four at the 13th. It was goodbye to her chances, despite birdie fours at the 14th and 15th.

Dassu, who had dropped a shot at the 10th, was suddenly in the lead at six under par, with Regine Lautens, of Switzerland, five under, and Sorenstam and Helen Wadsworth four under. Lautens, playing with Sorenstam, has been a professional since 1987 but has not yet won. The dreadful second shot she hit into the greenside bunker at the 12th, from the best possible position on the fairway, with Sorenstam in trouble, lost her all chance of a maiden victory.

Wadsworth also dropped a shot there, missing a short putt, but a six at the second hole, a par three, had made her task all but impossible.

Not that Dassu, whose last win was in the matchplay championship in 1991, minded that her rivals were disintegrating. She had a birdie four at the 15th, where she looked at the leaderboard, as she had all day, despite promising herself not to, and then decided she was not enjoying herself. She proved it by duffing a supposedly easy eight-iron off the 16th tee, but holed from 15 feet for par.

She missed a birdie putt of four feet at the next and, as she stood over a putt for par of similar length at the last, she told herself, "If you miss this you stop playing golf". She holed — "a miracle," she said — and, after a nervous wait for Sorenstam to finish (with three pars), was able to celebrate.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 289: F Dassu (It), 72, 73, 73, 71. 290: A Sorenstam (Swe), 71, 72, 71, 76. 291: L Mantz (SA), 75, 72, 72, 72. 292: H Wadsworth 72, 70, 74, 76. 293: L Davies 76, 74, 69, 74; K Lunn (Aus), 75, 71, 73, 74; R Lautens (Switz), 73, 71, 72, 77. 295: G Stewart, 76, 75, 76, 68; A Nicholas, 76, 74, 71, 74; T Johnson, 71, 72, 75, 77. 296: C Panton-Lewis 77, 73, 71, 75. 297: T Yarwood, 72; 75, 78, 72; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), 76, 74, 73, 74; K Parker (US), 75, 75, 73, 74; D Reid, 71, 72, 73, 81. 298: A Shapcott, 76, 73, 75, 74; S Moon (US), 73, 74, 75, 76; J Hill (Zim), 74, 73, 74, 77; V Pall (Fr) 73, 69, 78, 78.

Phillips seals title as rise continues

By John Hennessy

VAN Phillips, newly created an England golf international in Spain a week or so ago, reaffirmed his stature with another victory in the Berkshire Trophy yesterday. It was his second win in succession at the Berkshire, a feat last achieved by Philip Scrutton in 1950-1.

Starting the day with a lead of one shot over Gary Shaw, of Chesterfield, he had increased that to six strokes at lunch ahead of Lee James, a fellow former boys' international, who was similarly elevated for the match against Spain.

Phillips carded 67, five under par, in his last two rounds over the Berkshire Golf Club's Red Course for a total of 271 to win by seven strokes from James. Last year Phillips won by eight shots.

This has been a memorable start to the season for Phillips, 21, a member of the Stoke Poges club. Apart from his England cap and yesterday's victory, he won a tournament involving all 20 members of the England training team at Valderrama in March.

Yesterday, he conceded only two bogeys. The second, at the 14th, deprived him of a tournament record. As it was, he equalled Jerome O'Shea's winning score in 1990.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 271: V Phillips (Stoke Poges), 68, 69, 67, 67. 278: L James (Broadstone), 68, 73, 69, 68. 279: T Milford (Sittingbourne), 71, 71, 69, 68. 280: J Wilshire (Hindhead), 72, 71, 70, 67. 283: P Page (Dartford), 67, 75, 71, 70; R M McGuirk (Prince's), 72, 70, 72, 69. 284: G Shaw (Chesterfield), 63, 75, 74, 72. 285: D R Lomas (Woodcote Park), 72, 70, 73, 70; M McEwan (Mendip), 66, 75, 70, 72. 286: S Graham (Ham Manor), 75, 69, 73, 69; B Davis (East Herts), 67, 72, 72, 75. 287: B Dredge (Bryn Meadows), 71, 70, 72, 74. S Barwick (East Berks), 71, 72, 71, 73; G Harris (Broome Manor), 68, 73, 73, 73.

☐ Wales, missing Ian Woosnam from their team, yesterday qualified for the finals of the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews in October.

Philip Parkin, David Llewellyn amd Philip Price pipped Holland by one stroke to take the final place in the final in the qualifying tournament in Taipei.

Rake is swift to prove value of work

By Craig Lord

SARAH Hardcastle and Karen Rake were both winners at the Speedo Grand Prix final at the Empire Pool, Cardiff, yesterday.

Hardcastle's victory in the 800 metres freestyle was a lonely race against the clock that produced a satisfying time of 8min 52.92sec. Her strong kick out of turns and at the finish are a new and beneficial feature of her race.

The performance compared favourably with the event record of 8min 45.38sec Hardcastle set at the same competition seven years ago.

Self-critical and perfectionist by nature, Hardcastle, 24, now eight months into her return from a six-year retirement, was pleased with her time, which came close to the one she clocked at the Edinburgh International three weeks ago.

But she admitted to being frustrated at waiting to see how valuable her long winter of training has been. Evidence of that will come in six weeks' time at the trials for the European championships, to be held at Sheffield in August.

For Rake, 17, of the Maxwell Chipping Norton Club, victory in the 100 metres breaststroke in 1min 11.60sec proved the value of her winter's work. Jaime King, of Swindon, fell back in the second half of the race to finish second in 1min 13.19sec. Rake's time was her best and lifted her into the top 30 in the world. It equalled the time set by King when she became national champion and, at 13, the youngest member of the Olympic team last summer.

There was also good news for the home crowd in the 200 metres backstroke. In finishing second to Jamie Fleet, Chris Jones, of the City of Cardiff, became the first Welsh swimmer to set the qualifying standard for the Commonwealth Games next year. His time of 2min 05.41sec was also a Welsh record. Andrew Ayres, of Swansea, followed that with a second qualifying time, also knocking three seconds off the Welsh record in his time of 2min 19.16sec in the 200 metres breaststroke.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BAMBURGH: Northumberland castles challenge: 1, S Hoff (SA), 18min 37sec; 2, R Denmark (Eng), 18.40; 3, D Lewis (GB), 18:41; 4, S Morolong (SA), 18:47; 5, A Pearson (GB), 18.48; 6, N Berkeley (Ire), 18:54. Teams: 1, South Africa, 17pts; 2, England, 20; 3, Britain, 25.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Melbourne 22.21 (153) bt Richmond 8.12 (60); Hawthorn 16.9 (105) bt Adelaide Crows 12.16 (88); Essendon 23.18 (156) bt Geelong 19.18 (132); North Melbourne 35.19 (229) bt Sydney Swans 16.9 (105); Collingwood 21.11 (137) bt Carlton 15.11 (101); Brisbane Bears 17.8 (110) bt Fitzroy 12.11 (83); West Coast Eagles 19.11 (125) bt Footscray 13 6 (84).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago 7, Cincinnati 3; Colorado 6, Florida 2; Atlanta 3, St Louis 2; Houston 11, Pittsburgh 2; San Francisco 5, Montreal 2; San Diego 7, New York 6; Philadelphia 7, Los Angeles 6. Saturday: St Louis 10, Atlanta 3; Cincinnati 9, Chicago 4; San Francisco 7, Montreal 3; Houston 7, Pittsburgh 3; Florida 7, Colorado 6; Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 1; San Diego 5, New York 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Oakland 8, Cleveland 2; Detroit 8, Minnesota 0; New York 3, Seattle 0; Baltimore 12, Kansas City 5; Boston 6, California 1; Chicago 10, Toronto 2; Milwaukee 5, Texas 4. Saturday: Boston 3, California 1; Minnesota 5, Detroit 2; Milwaukee 4, Texas 3; New York 6, Seattle 2; Cleveland 1, Oakland 0; Kansas City 5, Baltimore 4; Chicago 8, Toronto 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: First round: Eastern conference: Chicago 114, Atlanta 90 (Chicago lead best-of-five series 1-0), New York 107, Indiana 104 (New York lead 1-0); Charlotte 99, Boston 98 (series level 1-1); New Jersey 101 Cleveland 99 (series level 1-1). Western conference: Seattle 99, Utah 85 (Seattle lead 1-0); Los Angeles Lakers 107, Phoenix 103 (Lakers lead 1-0); Portland 105, San Antonio 96 (series level 1-1); Los Angeles Clippers 95 Houston 83 (series level 1-1).

BOXING

BERLIN: European heavyweight championship: Henry Akinwande (London) bt Axel Schulz (Ger), pts.

FENCING

ISLEWORTH: Corbel Cup international sabre: 1, V Szabo (Rom); 2, C Bich (Ger); equal 3, K Zavieh (GB), H Hradez (Austria); 5, I Williams (GB); 6, P Ujvari (Aus); 7, P Greening (GB); 8, P Tanczos (GB).

GOLF

HOUSTON: Houston open tournament: Second round (US unless stated): 129: B McCallister, 64, 65. 131: J McGovern, 67, 64; J Huston, 65, 66. 132: D Hammond, 67, 65; L Mize, 68, 64, 134: L Roberts, 67, 67; P Stewart, 66, 68; J Maggert, 66, 68. 135: J Flannery, 65, 70; S Hoch, 68, 67; R Black, 67, 68; S Pate, 67, 68; B Crenshaw, 67, 68; J Haas, 68, 67; S Elkington (Aus), 70, 65. Third round washed out.

TALAHASSEE, Florida: LPGA tournament: Third round (US unless stated): 207: K Albers, 66, 69, 72. 208: B Burton, 73, 67, 68, J Carner, 72, 65, 71. 210: L Neumann (Swe), 69, 73, 68; R Walton 71, 70, 69; T Green, 72, 68, 72; M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 71, 65, 74. 211: D Richard, 70, 74, 67; T Barrett, 72, 71, 68; K Tschetter, 71, 70, 70; K Monaghan, 70, 70, 71. 212: V Fergon 76, 68, 68; K Robbins, 75, 69, 68; A Ridgeway, 73, 71, 68; H Alfredsson (Swe), 72, 72, 68; P Sheehan, 73, 69, 70; P Dunlap, 68, 73, 71; S Hamlin, 71, 69, 72; L Rittenhouse, 69, 70, 73; H Kobayashi (Japan), 69, 70, 73.
TAIPEI: Alfred Dunhill Cup: World qualifying tournament: Qualifiers: 556: South Africa (R Wessels, 74, 69, 71, 71; R Goosen, 72, 72, 68, 70; E Els, 72, 70, 68, 67); Sweden (M Lanner, 73, 74, 68, 66; F Lindgren, 72, 72, 73, 70; J Haggman, 69, 68, 72, 69). 566: Mexico. 568: Argentina. 569: Canada. 570: China, Paraguay. 574: Wales (P Parkin, 78, 77, 71, 70; D Llewellyn, 75, 73, 70, 78; P Price, 74, 71, 70, 71).

HOCKEY

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CUP: Final: Hounslow 4, Teddington 1 (at Milton Keynes).
HA CLUB TROPHY: Final: Oxton 2, Halifax 1 (at Milton Keynes).

WELSH WOMEN'S CUP (at Cardiff): Semi-finals: Swansea 6, Newtown 0; Cardiff Athletic (holders) 7, Newport 0. Final: Cardiff Athletic 1, Swansea 2.
SOUTH WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Play-offs (at Bracknell). Group A: Southgate Ladybirds 1, Lewes 0; Oxford Hawks 1, Lewes 1, Ladybirds 0, Oxford Hawks 0. Group B: Eastbourne 0, Farnborough 2; Eastbourne 0, Wimbledon 6 2; Farnborough 0, Wimbledon B 6.

HA YOUTH CUP: Under-16: Pool A: Homerton 1, Simon Langton 5; St George's 3, Homerton 2; Simon Langton 0, St George's 1; St George's 2, Uppingham 0; Simon Langton 1, Uppingham 0; Uppingham 2, Homerton 3. Pool B: Trent College 5, Merchant Taylors' 0; Millfield 0, Trent 2; Millfield 9, Bedford 0, Bedford 1, Merchant Taylors' 7. Under-18: Pool C: Nottingham 3, Millfield 5; Wellington College 2, Nottingham 2; Nottingham 1, Hall Cross 4; Hall Cross 2, Millfield 0; Wellington 1, Hall Cross 0; Millfield 2, Wellington 0. Pool D: RGS High Wycombe 3, Kingston GS 1; King's, Macclesfield 1, RGS High Wycombe 6; King's, Macclesfield 0, Bedford 1; Bedford 2, Kingston 3.

ICE HOCKEY

MUNICH: World championships: Semi-finals: Sweden 4, Czech Republic 3; Russia 7, Canada 4. Relegation play-off: Norway 5, Switzerland 2. Third place play-off: Czech Republic 5, Canada 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-off: First round: Toronto 4, Detroit 3 (OT) (Toronto win series 4-3).

MOTOR RALLYING

TOUR OF CORSICA (after four stages): 1, F Delecour (Fr), Ford Escort, 1hr 30min 59sec; 2, D Auriol (Fr), Toyota Celica, 47sec behind; 3, C Sainz (Sp), Lancia Delta, 56; 4, Y Loubet (Fr), Toyota Celica, 1min 0sec. 5, M Biasion (It), Ford Escort, 1:21. British placing: 8, C McRae, Subaru Legacy, 2:30.

REAL TENNIS

SEACOURT: George Wimpey British women's open championship: Semi-finals: P Lumley bt K Allen, 6-2, 6-0; A Garside bt C Cornwallis, 6-0, 6-3. Final: Lumley bt Garside 6-3, 6-0.

JUDO

ATHENS: European judo championships: Finals: Men: Heavyweight: D Khakhaleishvili (Geo) bt D Douillet (Fr), ippon; Third: F Moller (Ger), R Kubacki (Pol). Light-heavy: S Traineau (Fr) bt T Ettinger (Austria), ippon; Third: L Svirid (Belarus), A Kovacs (Hun). Middle: P Tayot (Fr) bt A Magomadov (Moldova), ippon: Third: O Maltsev (Russ), A Smeets (Holl). Light-middle: D Yandzi (Fr) bt S Liparteliani (Geo), ippon: Third: J Laats (Bel), A Timochkine (Rus). Bantam: N Guseinov (Azerbaijan) bt K Bisultanov (Russ), yuko; Third: P Botev (Bul), N Donohue (GB). Light: V Dgebouadze (Geo) bt T Poladov (Azerbaijan), ippon; Third: P Rosso (Fr), J Korhonen (Fin). Feather: S Kosmynine (Russ) bt V Zelonij (Lat) yuko; Third: T Lazarenko (Moldavia), U Quellmalz (Ger). Open: D Khakhaleishvili (Geo) bt H Van Barneveld (Bel), ippon; Third: H Stohr (Ger), Y Pechurov (Russ).
Women: Heavy: M van der Lee (Holl) bt S Goundarenko (Russ), decision. Third: N Lupino (Fr), B Maksimow (Pol). Light-heavy: L Meignan (Fr) bt U Werbrouck (Bel), ippon; Third: K Howey (GB), K Kienhuis (Holl). Middle: A Dubois (Fr) bt C Cowey (GB), decision; Third: C Zwiers (Holl), E Pierantozzi (It). Light-middle: Y Arad (Isr) bt G Van de Caveye (Bel), waza-ari; Third: D Bell (GB), C Fleury-Vachon (Fr). Light: N Fairbrother (GB) bt T Munzinger (Ger), ippon; Third: A Kubica (Pol), N Flagothier (Bel). Feather: A Munoz (Sp) bt C Nowak (Fr), decision; Third: E Summers (GB), A Giungi (It). Bantam: J Perlberg (Ger) bt T Kuvchinova (Russ), ippon; Third: H Senyurt (Tur), M Dupond (Fr). Open: A Seriese (Holl) bt N Lupino (Fr), ippon; Third: K Kutz (Ger), I Rodina (Russ).

ROWING

WALLINGFORD REGATTA: Eights: Open: Upper Thames bt Eton, 2l, 4min 37sec. Senior 1: St Edward's bt Nottingham and Union, 4l, 4min 50sec. Senior 2: St Edward's bt Southampton University, 2½l, 4min 43sec. Senior 3: Kingston Grammar bt Pangbourne, 2l, 4min 50sec. Novice: Christ Church bt St Peter's, 1l, 5min 09sec. Schools: Eton bt Hampton, 1½l, 4min 43sec. Junior 16: Eton bt Radley, 2½l, 4min 56sec. Junior 16B: Eton bt Radley, 1½l, 5min 14sec. Junior 15: Shiplake bt Hampton, 2l, 5min 24sec. Junior 14 quads: Monkton Combe bt Oratory, 1½l, 3min 14sec. Women's senior 1: City of Oxford bt Stourport, 1½l, 5min 46sec. Women's Senior 3: Osler bt Somerville, 1¼l, 5min 50sec. Women's novice: Jesus bt Somerville, 2¼l, 6min 12sec.
Fours: Open: London bt Nottingham and Union, 2l, 5min 16sec. Senior 1: Oxford Brooks University bt Nottingham and Union, 1½l, 5min 24sec. Senior 2: Wallingford bt Thames, 2l, 5min 31sec. Senior 3: Hampton bt Wallingford, 1½l, 3min 10sec. Novice: Stourport bt Bryanston, 1l, 3min 27sec. Schools: Hampton bt Forest-Lea, ¾l, 5min 27sec. Junior 16: Monkton Combe bt Radley, 1½l, 6min 13sec. Junior 15: Hampton bt Oratory, nro, 6min 19sec. Women's open: Wallingford bt City of Oxford, easily, 6min 20sec. Women's Senior 1: Kingston Grammar bt City of Oxford, easily, 6min 15sec. Women's Senior 2: Wallingford bt Southampton University, 3l, 6min 17sec. Women's Senior 3: Somerville bt Henley, 2¼l, 3min 46sec. Women's novice: Somerville bt King's Canterbury, 1½l, 3min 56sec. Open mixed: Maidenhead bt Wallingford, 1½l, 5min 47sec. Veteran B: Wallingford bt Stourport, 2l, 3min 20sec. Veteran C: Wallingford bt Henley, 1l, 3min 49sec. Mixed junior 14: Shiplake bt Forest, 2l, 3min 32sec.
Pairs: Open: London bt Shiplake, easily, 5min 48sec. Double Sculls: Open: Upper Thames bt City of Oxford, disqualified. Senior 2: City of Oxford B bt City of Oxford A, ½l, 5min 42sec. Sculls: Open: A Booth (London) bt R Humphrey (Tideway Scullers), 2l, 6min 10sec. Senior 1: G Maby (Thames) bt M Lewin (Reading), easily, 6min 22sec. Senior 2: J Heath (Twickenham) bt A Ingles (Thames), easily, 6min 13sec. Senior 3: T Dukes (London) bt T Middleton (St Edward's), easily, 3min 31sec. Novice: J Walshe (Bryanston) bt T Deslandes (Thames), 3l, 3min 44sec. Women's open: J Traweek (Huntingdon) bt A Williams (Tideway Scullers), 1½l, 7min 18sec. Women's senior 3: A Brown (Tideway Scullers) bt G Fell (Twickenham), ½l, 4min 17sec. Women's novice: S Howard (Twickenham) bt C Attewill (Wallingford), easily, 4min 40sec. Veteran C: I Giuliani (Henley) bt G Dean (Wallingford), 2½l, 3min 55sec.

SQUASH

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France: European team championships: Men: Final: England 4, Germany 0 (England names first): C Walker bt H Wiens 8-10, 6-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-2; P Whitlock bt S Frenz 9-1, 9-1, 6-9, 9-4; S Parke bt O Rucks 10-9, 9-4, 9-6; T Hands bt F Pössl 9-0, 6-9, 9-0, 9-5. Third place: France 2, Sweden 2 (France win on countback). Fifth: Scotland 3, Finland 1 (Scottish names first): P Nicol bt S Elopuro 8-10, 9-5, 9-0, 9-1; D Ritchie bt K Peltonen 9-3, 9-1, 9-0; A Thomson lost to P Pekkanen 4-9, 3-9, 0-9; D Gordon bt M Pulli 7-9, 9-5, 9-4, 9-4. Seventh: Holland 2, Ireland 2 (Holland win on countback) (Dutch names first): L Bull lost to D Ryan 9-5, 6-9, 5-9, 7-9. R Schelfer bt G Stewart 9-6, 9-7, 9-4; M Verlogen bt C Collins 9-3, 10-8, 9-6; R Scheerder lost to S Richardson 5-9, 6-9, 4-9. Lower places: Wales 3, Italy 1 (Welsh names first): A Davies bt D Johnson 9-7, 9-0, 9-0; G Davies bt S Rocca 9-7, 9-3, 9-5; M Joint lost to M Facchini 6-9, 5-9, 7-9; A Evans bt A Busi 9-7, 9-3, 9-1. Switzerland 2, Austria 2 (Switzerland win on countback). Norway 3, Israel 1; Denmark 4, Liechtenstein 0. Final placings: 1, England; 2, Germany; 3, France; 4, Sweden; 5, Scotland; 6, Finland; 7, Holland; 8, Ireland; 9, Spain; 10, Wales; 11, Italy; 12, Switzerland; 13, Austria; 14, Belgium; 15, Norway; 16, Israel.
Women: Final: England 3, Netherlands 0 (English names first): C Jackman bt H Van Hoorn 9-3, 9-2, 9-0; S Horner bt D Sommers 9-7, 9-4, 9-0; S Wright bt M Houtsma 9-2, 9-4, 9-4. Third place: Germany 3, Ireland 0 (German names first): S Schone bt R O'Callaghan 10-9, 9-4, 9-7. S Bertel bt M Croke 5-9, 9-5, 9-0, 8-9, 9-4; S Baum bt A McArdle 9-3, 9-1, 9-0. Fifth: Scotland 2, France 1 (Scottish names first): E Donaldson bt C Castets 9-2, 9-5, 9-5. A Bowie bt C Vazin 1-9, 9-2, 9-6, 9-2; S Brown lost to Catherine Lebosse 2-9, 2-9, 7-9. Seventh: Sweden 3, Wales 0 (Swedish names first): E Svenby bt S Johnson 9-3, 9-2, 9-0; T Backlund bt D Newton 9-5, 2-9, 9-7, 9-0; L Olsson bt M Jones 9-3, 9-4, 9-4. Lower places: Austria 3, Italy 0; Switzerland 3, Norway 0; Spain 2, Denmark 1. Final placings: 1, England; 2, Holland; 3, Germany; 4, Ireland; 5, Scotland; 6, France; 7, Sweden; 8, Wales; 9, Switzerland.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Final
Widnes 14 Wigan 20
Widnes: Tries: Eyres, Sorensen. Goals: Davies (3).
Wigan: Tries: Bell, Panapa, Skerrett. Goals: Botica (4). Att: 77,684.
WINFIELD CUP: Gold Coast Seagulls 4, Canterbury-Bankstown 35; South Sydney 12, Cronulla-Sutherland 16; Manly-Warringah 10, Parramatta 12.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Cradley H 62, Ipswich 46; Bradford 57, Belle Vue 51; Eastbourne 53, Coventry 55. Second division: Swindon 67, Rye House 40.

TENNIS

MADRID: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: E Sánchez (Sp) bt C Costa (Sp), 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; T Carbonell (Sp) bt F Davin (Arg), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Corretja (Sp), 6-3, 6-2. Semi-finals: Edberg bt Sánchez, 6-0, 7-5; S Bruguera (Sp) bt Carbonell, 7-6, 6-1. Final: Edberg bt Bruguera, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
MUNICH: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: M Stich (Ger) bt J-F Altur (Sp), 6-1, 6-4; I Lendl (US) bt C Pioline (Fr) 1-6, 7-6, 0-1, ret. Final: Lendl bt Stich, 7-6, 6-3.
HAMBURG: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-3, 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt A Huber (Ger), 6-1, 6-3; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz), 7-5, 6-1. Semi-finals: Graf bt Novotna, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Sánchez Vicario bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-2, 7-6. Final: Sánchez Vicario bt Graf, 6-3, 6-3.
ATLANTA, Georgia: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: P Sampras (US) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 7-6, 6-4; J Eltingh (Holl) bt R Azar (Arg), 6-2, 6-2; B Shelton (US) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; J Palmer (US) bt A Berasategui (Sp), 7-6, 6-2. Semi-finals: Eltingh bt Sampras, 7-6, 6-4; Shelton bt Palmer, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.
LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA Spring Satellite tournament: Men: Semi-finals: P Languardt (Den) bt W Arthurs (Aus), 7-6, 6-2; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt D Sapsford (Surrey), 6-2, 5-7, 7-5. Final: Languardt bt Tebbutt, 6-3, 6-2. Women: Quarter-finals: A Castera (Fr) bt P Plorkowski (US), 6-2, 6-3; L Richterova (Cz) bt L Ahl (Devon), 6-4, 6-1; M Seibold (Ger) bt C Billingham (Oxford), 7-6, 6-3; C Hall (Dorset) bt C Hunt (Dorset), 6-4, 6-1. Semi-finals: Richterova bt Castera, 6-3, 7-5; Seibold bt Hall, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6. Final: Richterova bt Seibold, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bath: Gloucestershire 298-5 dec (G D Hodgson 110, R C Williams 64 not out, R C J Williams 56 not out); Somerset 17-1.
THE PARKS: Oxfordshire 223 (S Waterton 65, S Laudat 80; S Weale 6-45); Oxford University Harlequins 227-7 (M Gear 88 not out, D Terry 51) Harlequins won by 3 wickets.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Thwaites Tour of Lancashire: Fourth stage (Rawtenstall to Accrington, 66.5 miles): 1, S Sutton (Banana), 2hr 47min 26sec; 2, D Williams (RT Italia), at 7sec; 3, K Reynolds (Banana), same time. Overall: 1, C Boardman (North Wirral - Velo), 6:37:00; 2, J Clay (Team Orange), at 1:28; 3, B Smith (Banana), at 1:38. Tour of the Chilterns (Chinnor, 70 miles): R Hammond (VC Bath), 2:50:00. Frank Tidmarsh Memorial (Bridgnorth, Shropshire, 82 miles): S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 3:31:20. Rugby Velo (82 miles): D Atkins (BCF Coventry Division), 3:05:00. Leeds St Christophers (Kippax, 64 miles). S Bennett (Maltby CC), 2:42:22.
TIME-TRIALS: Dukinfield CC (50 miles): S Walton (Manchester Wheelers), 1:57:27. Team: ABC Centreville 6:22:33. Warwickshire RC (50 miles): S Campbell (Coventry Olympic), 1:58:29. Team: Coventry Olympic 6:06:23. Tooting BC (42 miles): P Hamilton (Wren Wheelers), 1:36:42. Team: Twickenham CC 5:05:58. Hounslow and District Wheelers (Newbury, 41 miles): C Roshier (Hounslow and District), 1:34:09. Team: Hounslow and District, 4:53:49. New Forest CC (36 miles): L Paxton (Salisbury RC), 1:25:53. Team: New Forest CC, 4:55:49. Rillarton Wheelers (Ayrshire, 25 miles): G Gbree (Leo RC), 50:44. Team: Dale RC 3:01:07. London St Christophers (25 miles): W Moore (Leo RC), 53:12. Team: Team Welwyn 2:53:06. Lancaster CC (25 miles) G Waddington (Pendle Forest CC), 55:30. Team: Cleveleys RC 2:49:01. Gloucester City CC (25 miles): R Walker (Bristol South CC), 55:50. Team: Gloucester City CC 2:48:38. Norwich ABC (25 miles): M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 58:11. Team: CC Breckland 3:10:18. De Laune CC (Kent, 25 miles): L Martin (San Fairy Ann CC), 56:30. Team: San Fairy Ann CC 2:56.55. Worthing Excelsior CC (25 miles): B Edwards (Clarence Wheelers), 57:49. Team: Worthing Excelsior 3:01:27. Ross-shire RCC (Inverness, 25 miles): R Davison (Ross-shire RCC), 57:50. Team: Ross-shire RCC 3:00 18. South Pennine RC (25 miles): R Genders (Beauvale CC), 58:20. Team: Beauvale CC 3.01.17. Merthyr CC (25 miles): I Griffiths (Abergavenny RC), 1:01:31. Team: Abergavenny RC 3:22:46. Vectis RCC (Isle of Wight, 24 miles): G Longland (Antelope RT), 57:12. Team: Antelope RT 2:57:44. Vegetarian C and AC (Ilchester, Somerset, 10 miles): C Brooks (VC Camelot), 21:30. Team: Yeovil CC 1:13:42. Dundee Centre SCU (10 miles): D Hannah (Denny RC), 22:23.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROME: International Horse Show: Nations Cup: 1, Germany, 4 faults; 2, Britain, 12; 3, Holland, 16; 4, France, 16.25; equal 5, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, 20.

RUGBY UNION

MIDDLESEX SEVENS: Draw for finals (Twickenham, May 8): London Scottish v Blackheath, Richmond v Northampton, Gloucester v Saracens, Reading v Harlequins, Wellington (NZ) v Rosslyn Park, Wasps v Basingstoke, Orrell v London Irish, Old Gaytonians v Western Samoa.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: English smallbore championships: Women: Sport pistol: 1, C Page 577; 2, L Elsworth 565/145; 3, B Young 565/141. Three-positions rifle: 1, I Daw 556 (on countback); 2, K Morton 556; 3, L Volpin 551.
BISLEY: Army target rifle open: 300 and 600 yds (15 shots): 1, A Chown (Lloyds Bank) 149.22; 2, S/Ldr D Calvert (RAF) 149.20; 3, H Hunter (W Atholol) 148.18. Queen's I: 1, V Carpenter (Lloyds Bank) 105.17; 2, M Parker (Lloyds Bank) 105.14; 3 A Tucker (Twickenham) 104.17 Saturday aggregate: 1, Calvert 252.39; 2, Chown 252.33; 3 Hunter 251.35. 300 and 600 yds: 1, R Lt A Gent (RAF), 150 30; 2, A Chown (Lloyds Bank), 150.27; 3, A Luckman (Wandsworth), 150.26. Grand aggregate: 1, Gent, 254.42; 2, J Jackman (North London RC), 253.41; 3, V Carpenter (Lloyds Bank), 253.41 (on countback).
BISLEY: London and Middlesex RA schools meeting: Wills Memorial Trophy (8s): 1, Bradfield 484.22; 2, Wellington 482.23; 3 Uppingham 422 17. Team matches (300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yds): 1, London and Middlesex A 946.97 (B Moore 191.22); 2, London and Middlesex B 944.89 (P Bysshe 184.12); 3, Oxford Univ 876.60 (D Lowe 184.12).

SWIMMING

CARDIFF: Speedo grand prix final: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, M Foster (Barnet Copthall), 23.42sec; 2, M Dicks (Ger), 24.04; 3, M Davies (City of Cardiff), 24.66. 1500m freestyle: 1, I Wilson (City of Sunderland), 15min 42.76; 2, G Meadows (City of Leeds), 16:05.92; 3, R Lyon-Hayes (Rochdale), 16:25.57. 50m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Waltham Forest), 27.02sec; 2, N Willey (Barnet Copthall), 27.57; 3, J Hoffmann (Germany), 27.56. 100m breaststroke: 1, G O'Toole (Ireland), 1min 05.15; 2, A Ayres (City of Swansea), 1:06.24; 3, J Parrack (City of Leeds), 1:06.32. 100m butterfly: 1, C Keller (Germany), 55.54sec; 2, J Bradley (Milngavie), 58.87; 3, D Warren (City of Leeds), 58.16. 400m medley: 1, Keller, 4min 30.92; 2, Warren, 4:34.25; 3, O'Toole, 4:34.70. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Borough of Southend), 2min 06.10; 2, V Hale (City of Swansea), 2:06.99; 3, A Pendrich (Beckenham), 2:07.01, 100m backstroke: 1, K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 1min 04.69; 2, H Slatter (Warrington), 1:04.88; 3, T Alshammar (Sweden), 1:06.08. 50m breaststroke: 1, L Coombes (City of Southampton), 33.24; 2, K Rake (Maxwell), 33.36; 3, J King (Tigersharks, Swindon), 33.73. 200m butterfly: 1, G Holland (Rochdale), 2min 20.76; 2, N Goodwin (Nova Centurion), 2:20.92; 3, E Strange (City of Oxford), 2:22.80. 200m medley: 1, Slatter, 2min 21.08; 2, S Rolph (City of Newcastle), 2:21.34; 3, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 2:21.94.

FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S FA: First division north: Leasowe Pacific 5, Sheffield Wednesday 2.
WORLD CUP: Asian zone: Group C: North Korea 2, Qatar 2. Group E: Saudi Arabia 6, Macao 0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Premier League
Man Utd v Blackburn (all ticket) ....

DIADORA LEAGUE: Cup: Final: Marlow v Molesey (at Aldershot)

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Cheshire BS Senior Cup: Final: Witton v Winsford. Durham FA Senior Cup: Final: Bishop Auckland v Murton (10.45am).

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Second division: Washington v Langley Park.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bamber Bridge v Bradford Park Avenue.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Kent Senior Cup: Final: Ashford v Bromley (at Gillingham). Suffolk Premier Cup: Final: Sudbury v Brantham.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Histon v Gorleston; Tiptree v Wisbech; Wroxham v Brightlingsea.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Llanelli v Cwmbran.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Charlton; Swindon v Oxford Utd (2.0). Second division: Plymouth v Bristol Rovers.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sheff Utd v Wolverhampton; Stoke v Newcastle (7.0); Man Utd v Blackburn (2.0). Second division: Derby v Scunthorpe (7.0); Hull v York.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior Cup: Final: Nottsborough v Old Grammarians.

RUGBY UNION

Worthington National Tens

First Round

(at Gloucester RFC)

Wasps v Newcastle Gosforth (11.0) ..
Bristol v London Scottish (11.27) ......
Gloucester v West Hartlepool (11.54)
Wakefield v Northampton (12.21) ......
Bath v Waterloo (12.48) ....
London Irish v Saracens (1.15) ....
Orrell v Rugby (1.42) ....
Nottingham v Harlequins (2.09) ....

CRICKET

Tour Match
One day
10.45, 55 overs
Lord's: Middlesex v Australia.

Other match
11.0, 110 overs minimum
Final day of four
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire.
Final day of three
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex.

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RACING: British touring car championships: Third round (Snetterton). FIA Formula 3000 Championship (Donington).
BOWLS: Seven Countries Classic (Jersey).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship: Final: (Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: First division: King's Lynn v Coventry, Ipswich v Arena Essex, Reading v Poole, Wolverhampton v Cradley Heath, Exeter v Peterborough.
SWIMMING: British Grand Prix Final (Cardiff).

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SUMMER PREVIEW: Times critics scan the near horizon to bring you the season's likely highlights

Outlook bright, with sunny periods

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

Far less celebrated nowadays than Monet, Degas and Renoir, the unfortunate **Pissarro** tends to be neglected even by diehard devotees of the Impressionists. The most warmhearted of men, he never stopped encouraging his fellow-artists when adversity threatened to defeat them. But now Pissarro is in danger of being eclipsed by the painters he helped, and the Royal Academy's survey of his series paintings offers a timely chance to reassess them. Opening on July 2, the exhibition concentrates on the final decade of his long career. With unflagging energy, he painted over 300 cityscapes of Paris, Rouen, Le Havre and Dieppe between 1893 and his death in 1903. More than 60 of these will be brought together.

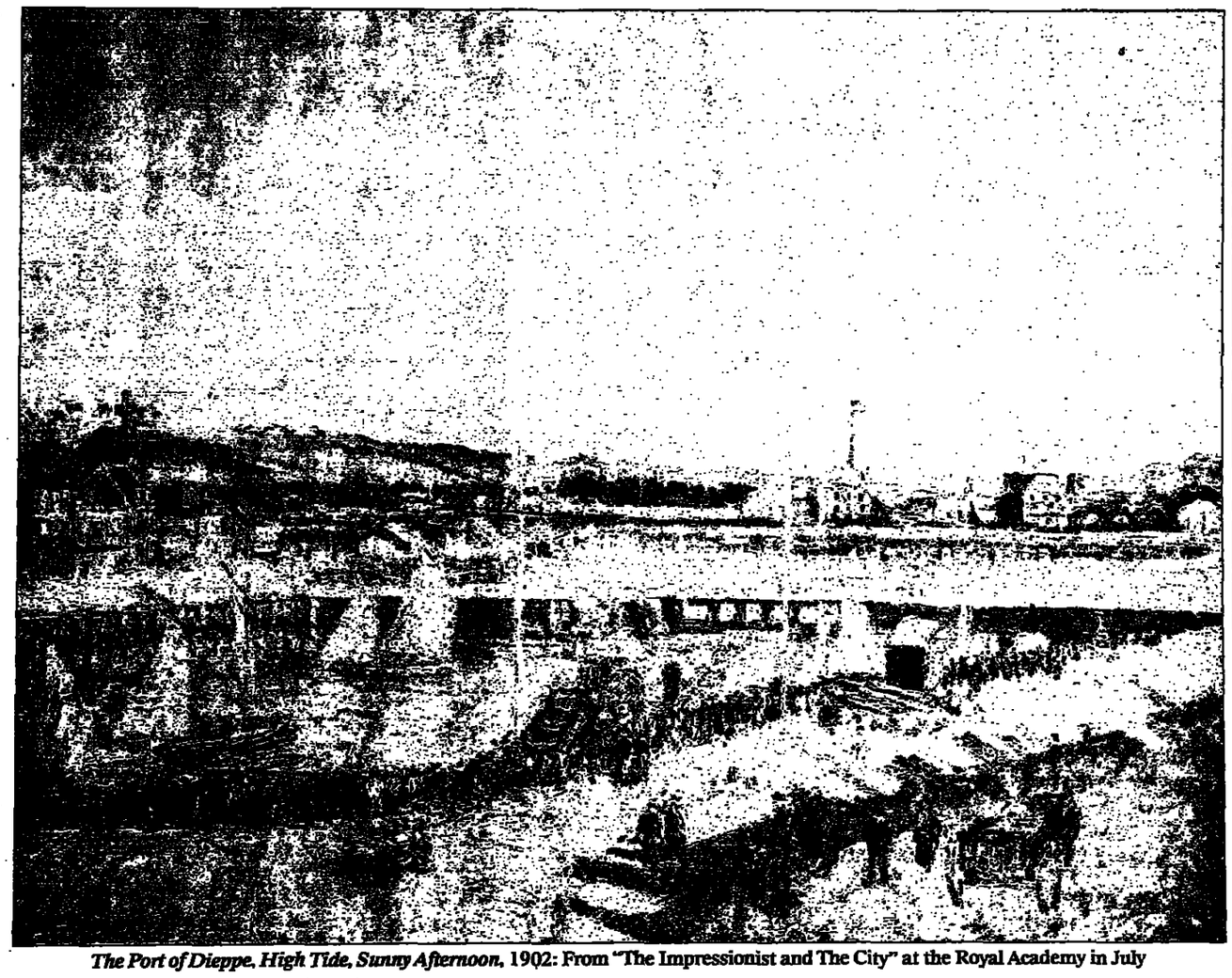
Before then, French art also provides the highlight of the Tate Gallery's summer offerings. In **Paris Post War: Art and Existentialism 1945-55**, opening on June 9, Britain devotes its first important exhibition to the artistic ferment in the French capital after the Liberation of 1944. Instead of euphoria, the mood was anxious and questioning. Picasso, Hélion and Dubuffet are the most familiar painters, but Germain Richier's sculpture and Henri Michaux's drawings should also prove exceptionally interesting.

The Tate show's centrepiece will take the unusual form of an installation by Giacometti: the walls of his Paris studio, loaned by his widow. And alongside this austere evocation of the artist's life, the exhibition will explore the interaction between art and film (Prevert and Renoir), music (Juliette Greco and Miles Davis) and photography (Brassai and Doisneau).

If the Fifties promises to be the key decade at Millbank, it also plays a major role in this summer's **Venice Biennale**. The longest-running and most important progress report on contemporary art world-wide, the Biennale will include a special memorial survey of Francis Bacon's paintings. He established his reputation during the period explored by the Tate's exhibition, and the retrospective selected by David Sylvester at the Museo Correr will offer the first opportunity to assess Bacon since his death.

In the British Pavilion at Venice, the veteran Richard Hamilton represents his country with a mixture of new and recent work. But the Biennale, which opens on June 13, never neglects the younger generation. Eight British artists have been selected for the Aperto section, from Damien Hirst to such lesser-known names as Christine Borland, Angela Bulloch, Steven Pippin and Vong Phaophanit.

Finally, in response to the United Nations' decision to designate 1993 the Year of the Indigenous Person, the South Bank Centre presents a festival of **Aboriginal arts**. More than 100 works, ranging from carved wooden figures to desert paintings of "dreamings", will be shown at the Hayward Gallery from July 23; complemented by a display of boomerangs at the Festival Hall.



The Port of Dieppe, High Tide, Sunny Afternoon, 1902: From "The Impressionist and The City" at the Royal Academy in July

DANCE

John Percival

The *Maryinsky Ballet* from St Petersburg (formerly the Kirov) is London's only big dance import this summer, at the Coliseum from June 29 to July 31. It is bringing two new productions: the full evening version of *La Bayadère*, and a remounting of the original Russian staging of Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. This has choreography by Leonid *Lavrovsky and monumental* designs by Piotr Williams, last seen here during the Bolshoi's Covent Garden season 30 years ago. *Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty* and *The Corsair* all return.

Birmingham will have the Stuttgart Ballet in performances (Hippodrome, June 8 and 9) of two major works that the late Kenneth MacMillan created for the company, and only later mounted for the Royal Ballet: *Requiem* and *Song of the Earth*. An already attractive summer season by Birmingham Royal Ballet (June 1-12) includes a competition for new ballet conductors and a long-awaited new production of Dame Ninette de Valois's *Job*. Later, BRB brings *Job* and the justly acclaimed reconstruction of Massine's *Choreartium* to Covent Garden for a season (July 26 to August 7).

Sadler's Wells deserves to be packed for its short visit by Netherlands Dance Theatre 2 (May 18-22) with two stimulating programmes of original works by Jiri Kylian, Hans van Manen, Ohad Naharin and others. The Brighton Festival has the José Limón company (Thursday to Saturday), and the premiere of a new collaboration between the Olivier award-winning choreographer Siobhan Davies and the composer Kevin Volans (May 13-15).

English National Ballet, squeezed out of the Coliseum this year, reopens the much smaller but newly-renovated Savoy Theatre (July 19-24), followed by a Festival Hall season (July 27-August 14).

There is less dance at the Edinburgh Festival than for several years. The chief attraction is a return of Mark Morris and his group (Playhouse, August 17-23).

Benedict Nightingale

Expect Andrew Lloyd Webber to get most of this summer's hype. Will his musical version of **Sunset Boulevard** (Adelphi from June 29) help the British cause in what some show-biz commentators see as a patriotic war between our boys and the resurgent Americans? The conflict will be the more intense for the reappearance of arguably the boldest thing even Stephen Sondheim has written, **Sweeney Todd** (Cottesoe from June 2). And will the musical **Leonardo** ("a portrai of love") and a revival of **Grease**, (Strand and Dominion respectively), advance the Union Jack or reduce it to tatters?

These grand strategic questions must wait for an answer. Plenty else is happening. Whether or not Edward Fox ends up bringing his touring revival of Simon Gray's schoolroom comedy **Quartermaine's Terms** into the West End, Tom Conti seems a certain arrival as the swaggering thespian in Coward's **Present Laughter**. So does Peter Bowles as the dowdy major in **Separate Tables**.

Peter Hall directs both this and Aristophanes's **Lysistrata**, which brings Geraldine James to the Old Vic on June 15.

But is nothing new on the way? Well, David Mamet's attack on political correctness, **Oleanna**, arrives (Royal Court from June 30); and on consecutive days later in the summer two major British dramatists will be tootling their creative trumpets. On August 3 the West End gets Alan Ayckbourn's **Time of My Life**. *And on August 4 Michael* Frayn's **Here** arrives at the Donmar, its author's first play since the less-than-successful *Look Look*.

The National offers a revival of John Osborne's **Inadmissible Evidence** (June 17), with Trevor Eve the menopausal anti-hero, and Pirandello's little-known **Mountain Giants** (July 14). The Royal Shakespeare Company brings Adrian Noble's deservedly praised production of **The Winter's Tale**, plus **Antony and Cleopatra** and **The Taming of the Shrew**, to the Barbican from Stratford, where the summer season is already under way. Up there, Robert Stephens's Lear will be followed into the main theatre by David Calder's Shylock on June 3 and Alec McCowen's Prospero on August 11. The smaller Avonside theatres, the Swan and Other Place, host Katie Mitchell's revival of Ibsen's **Ghosts**, Goldoni's **Venetian Twins** and **Julius Caesar**.

Down in Chichester, the *fare has a safe, warm feel*: Susan Hampshire in Coward's **Relative Values** joins Dorothy Tutin in Shaw's **Getting Married** on May 26, and will be followed by Harry Secombe in the musical **Pickwick** and a revival of Thornton Wilder's **Matchmaker**. Myself, I shall also be off to the Royal Exchange, Manchester, to see Vanessa Redgrave in **Maybe**, a play about McCarthyism penned by the Russian Mikhail Shatrov and the American Keith Reddin.

That runs from July 1 to August 7, a week before the opening of an Edinburgh Festival which has a Teutonic ring: Lenz, Kleist, Peter Stein's production of **Julius Caesar**, and a **Dr Faustus** from Berlin. But the last of these is translated by Gertrude Stein and directed by Robert Wilson; and America is also represented by Peter Sellars's production of Aeschylus's **The Persians**. German phrasebooks are not required.



The Winter's Tale: coming to the Barbican this summer

Richard Morrison

From May to August, music festivals lie as plentiful as pebbles on Brighton beach. Some are about as animated, too. So three cheers for those that cast off the mulled-wine-and-Mozart spirit, and plunge into adventure.

Aldeburgh (June 11 to 27) does that year after year. The super-sophisticated Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu is featured this year, and there are such virtuoso ensembles as the London Sinfonietta and the New London Chamber Choir on hand to perform his music, which includes a new chamber orchestra work. But as always at Aldeburgh the variety of 20th-century music is rich and rewarding.

Concerts at the **Edinburgh Festival** (August 15 to September 4) have perked up no end since Brian McMaster took charge. He is canny enough to include a strong Scottish strand in his programming. Last year, it was a grand survey of Scottish music from time immemorial. This year, he focuses on the young Scottish composer James MacMillan: a dazzling prospect, as passionate about his nationalism, religion and radical politics as about his music. The latter you may love or hate, but never hear with indifference. I am particularly impatient to hear his new trumpet concerto, *Epiclesis*.

Fans of Schumann and Grieg will swamp the **Bath Festival** (May 21 to June 6) where these two arch-romantics will sit comfortably alongside Robin Holloway, 50 this year, who is the featured living composer. The **Cheltenham Festival** (July 3 to 18) offers a list of premieres as long as your arm. All the names are British worthies — but this 49-year-old festival is beginning to look a bit middle-aged, middle-class and middle-England now.

I prefer the look of its close rivals: the **Malvern Festival** (May 22 to June 6) which focuses on the bright young composer Matthew Taylor; and the oldest British festival by several centuries, the **Three Choirs** (August 21 to 28). The latter, in Worcester this year, has two interesting juxtapositions: Handel's *Belshazzar* with Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*; and Verdi's Requiem with Britten's War Requiem.

Lastly to that little place called London. Of the Proms (from July 16), enough said on these pages already — except, perhaps, for the tip that the British premiere of Lutoslawski's Fourth Symphony on August 27 is well worth anybody's £2. I heard it in Los Angeles, where they usually stay very laid-back about new music, but they got very excitable about this.

And I daresay there will be excitable audiences in the Barbican from July 21 to 24, when the Kronos Quartet mounts a festival called "Short Stories". Perhaps no other string quartet could offer such diversity: from collaborations with world-music performers to music by Gorecki and Glass.

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ARTS FESTIVALS
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OPERA

Rodney Milnes

The prospect of a major new opera always sets the pulses racing, or should do. And in the case of Jonathan Harvey's **Inquest of Love** for English National Opera, it does. The title's first word may be split in two, and the libretto by Harvey and David Rudkin explores the journey through darkness to light, like so many operas from *Orfeo* and the *Flute* onwards. It has been nicely described as a "neo-Platonic film noir", and the premiere is at the Coliseum on June 5, with a fine cast conducted by Mark Elder and directed by David Pountney.

There is a second new opera opening at the Cheltenham Festival on July 3: Michael Berkeley's **Baa Baa Black Sheep**, based on Kipling's *Jungle Book*, to a libretto by David Malouf. This will be presented by Opera North (conductor Paul Daniel, producer Jonathan Moore).

Opera North also sees one of the most eagerly awaited operatic debuts, when Deborah Warner directs **Wozzeck** in Leeds on May 13, with Andrew Shore and Vivien Tierney in the leading roles, conducted by Daniel. In Cardiff, WNO music director Carlo Rizzi conducts Howard Davies's new production of **Eugene Onegin** with Jason Howard in the title role and Janice Watson as Tatyana.

The Royal Opera is also mounting a new **Onegin** (July 13) with a whizzbang cast: Galina Gorchakova sharing Tatyana with Lyubov Kazarnovskaya, and Sergey Leiferkus. Valery Gergiev conducts, John Cox directs. Janáček-fanciers will revisit **The Cunning Little Vixen** on June 24, with Lillian Watson and Anthony Michaels-Moore singing — but in Czech, unfortunately.

The absence of Glyndebourne may be compensated for in three ways. Glyndebourne itself is mounting glamorously-cast concert performances at the Festival Hall of **Béatrice et Bénédict** (June 21, Andrew Davis), **Fidelio** (June 22, Klaus Tennstedt), and **The Merry Widow** (July 18, Franz Welser-Möst), all with repeats. The Brighton Festival is presenting four programmes by the Moscow Chamber Opera between May 21 and 29: its version of Shostakovich's **The Nose** is particularly recommended. And Garsington Manor fills the country-house'n'picnic slot with **Ariadne auf Naxos**, **L'infedeltà delusa** (Haydn) and **Le nozze di Figaro** between June 18 and July 5.

The Edinburgh Festival opens operatically with Scottish Opera's new production of Verdi's **I due Foscari**, conducted by Richard Armstrong (August 16), and there is even earlier Verdi in concert under Edward Downes: **Oberto, Conte di San Bonifacio** (August 26). Robert LePage's double-bill of **Bluebeard's Castle** and **Erwartung** for the Canadian Opera Company, trailing clouds of critical glory from Toronto, is on show at the Edinburgh Playhouse on August 28.

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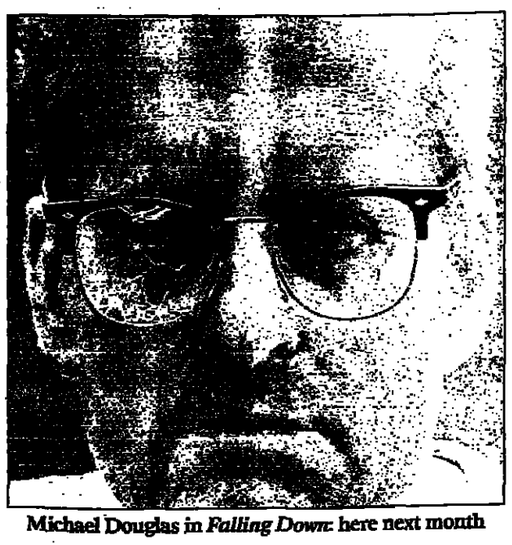
Geoff Brown

Take your choice: a theme park's dinosaurs on the rampage, or a sacked defence worker running wild in Los Angeles. Or maybe you fancy Sylvester Stallone teetering on a rope in the Italian Alps, or Arnold Schwarzenegger flexing his muscles as *The Last Action Hero*? The summer's film releases are rarely known for the strain they put on the brain cells, and this year's crop is no exception.

Seven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park*, based on Michael Crichton's novel, is the season's Hollywood blockbuster. Its estimated price tag is $100 million. For the money, we are promised the industry's most advanced special effects, a cast of hair-raising prehistoric monsters and Richard Attenborough. The dinosaurs arrive in Britain on July 16, three weeks after Stallone's high-altitude vehicle *Cliffhanger*. Two weeks later comes Schwarzenegger.

But what of our defence worker running wild? In the biceps stakes, Michael Douglas may be a non-starter, but his character's shooting spree in *Falling Down* has already set America talking. He begins the movie locked in a traffic jam; then he decides to walk, firing bullets into neighbourhood gangs, a burger joint and a Beverly Hills golf club. Joel Schumacher's film ultimately irritates society's sores to no good purpose, though it is bound to stir much comment on its British release early in June.

Against this rowdy hand, the art-house fraternity offers *scattered tantalising titles*. Vincent Ward's *Map of the Human Heart*, due in June, finds the New Zealand director of *Vigil* and *The Navigator* trading some quirks for mainstream appeal, though this decade-hopping, multi-cultural romance remains the work of a visual poet. Peter Greenaway's new conundrum *The Baby of Macon* is promised for September. But for pure pleasure it will be hard to beat August's revival of Carné's classic *Les Enfants du paradis*, a teeming romance of the Paris theatre, with a newly restored soundtrack and not a dinosaur or white-collar crackpot in sight.



Michael Douglas in *Falling Down*: here next month

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

DON QUIXOTE: The critics have not taken kindly to the Royal Ballet's latest production, but the public has been lapping it up. It provides plenty of opportunity for display dancing, set against the elegant and spare designs of Mark Thompson
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, 7.30pm.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Ken Powell has amassed an unrivalled collection of British art of the immediate post-war era. His particular favourite is Prunella Clough, but he also owns a splendid representation of St Ives free form abstractionists, including Roger Hilton, Peter Lanyon, Patrick Heron and Terry Frost.
Courtauld Institute Galleries (Nos 9 and 10), Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 13 [wheelchair symbol]

TREASURES OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: The RHS's collection is one of the great unseen resources of art in Britain, amounting to some 18,000 paintings and drawings in all. For this, the first ever significant loan exhibition drawn from the collection, some 100 detailed studies of plants, fruit and vegetables have been chosen
Kew Gardens Gallery, Royal Botanical Gardens, Richmond, Surrey (081-940 1171). Mon-Sat, 9.30am-6.30pm, Bank holidays, 9.30am-8pm, until May 31.

NEW QUEEN'S HALL ORCHESTRA: The recently formed orchestra aims to give a turn-of-the-century feel to its performances of Tchaikovsky's Serenade in C for Strings, Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 and Brahms's First Symphony, using instruments of that period.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm. [wheelchair symbol]

THE CUMMINGS STRING TRIO: Graham Williams's String Trio is given its first British performance in a programme including Beethoven's String Trio and Mozart's Divertimento in E flat.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

REGIONAL

BRIGHTON: A score of theatre companies make brief visits at this year's Festival. Present throughout is Footsbarn Travelling Theatre, performing *Romeo and Juliet* in its tent, which could be better than its *Dream* of a couple of years back.
Martello Fields, Seaford, *Romeo and Juliet* performances from Mon, 8.30pm. **The Level**, Brighton. Performances from May 13, 8.30pm. Festival Box Office (0273 674357).

BIRMINGHAM: Anita Reeves and Niall Buggy in the Gate Theatre of Dublin's celebrated production of **Juno and the Paycock** on its eight week tour of England and Wales.
Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-633 3325). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. [wheelchair symbol]

LIVERPOOL: After an extraordinary run of over eight years in the West End, the cheerful "Lambeth Walk" musical **Me and My Girl** goes on a nationwide tour. Noel Gay's effervescent Thirties score perfectly suits the story of a Cockney who inherits a coronet, and fills the ancestral home with his old pals.
Empire, Lime Street (051-709 1555). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. [wheelchair symbol]

WOKING: The musical **Return to the Forbidden Planet** varied the usual *formula of a compilation show* by sticking a dozen hits from the Golden Years of rock 'n' roll ("Who's Sorry Now?", "Great Balls of Fire") onto the plot of the 1950 sci-fi movie — itself an updated version of *The Tempest*. The irresistible mix of great songs, Shakespeare misquotes and deliberately tacky decor kept the show running in the West End for three years.
New Victoria Theatre, The Peacocks Arts Centre (0483 761144). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 5pm and 8pm. [wheelchair symbol]

STEVENAGE: *The Seven Silences of Salome*, a new ballet by the Portuguese choreographer Olga Roriz, is the high point of **English National Ballet's** national tour and marks Roriz's British choreographic debut. The piece forms part of a mixed bill including *Aureole* and *Sleep Study*
Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way (0438 766866). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm [wheelchair symbol]

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ *House full, returns only*
◪ *Some seats available*
☐ *Seats at all prices*

☐ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. Excellent cast includes Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 180mins [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **AS YOU LIKE IT:** Kate Buffery and Peter de Jersey find love under the greenwood tree in David Thacker's thinnish revival
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mins. [wheelchair symbol]

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **FOR SERVICES RENDERED:** Somerset Maugham in angry mood, lashing the hypocrisy surrounding the first world war. Sylvia Syms in well-observed revival.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. [wheelchair symbol]

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **A JOVIAL CREW:** Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 150mins [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Preview tonight, 7.45pm; opens tomorrow, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **LION IN THE STREETS:** Canada, specifically Toronto, as a jungle where beasts destroy the weak: powerful stuff.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins. [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays, Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm. [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **MISERY:** nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins. Final week.

◪ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL:** Welcome revival of St John Hankin's satirical 1905 comedy where a ne'er-do-well justifies sponging on his family. Directed by Peter Leslie Wild.
Orange Tree, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins. [wheelchair symbol]

☐ **THE TREATMENT:** Martin Crimp's eccentric look at New York and the treachery of movie makers: effective only in patches.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse [wheelchair symbol] (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ☐ **Lost in Yonkers:** Strand (071-930 8800) ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

♦ **ALIVE** (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes, director, Frank Marshall
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Fulham Road** [wheelchair symbol] (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** [wheelchair symbol] (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** [wheelchair symbol] (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD (12): Timid version of Dickens's novel, with Robert Powell as the cathedral musician obsessed with his nephew's fiancée. Director, Timothy Forder
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

♦ ***NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED* WEAPON 1** (PG): Juvenile spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* series, with just a few chuckles. Gene Quintano directs Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** [wheelchair symbol] (071-792 3332).

RUBY CAIRO (15): Andie MacDowell follows the trail of her shady pilot husband. Globe-trotting potboiler that ultimately goes nowhere. With Liam Neeson, director, Graeme Clifford.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999)

CURRENT

♦ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
Barbican [wheelchair symbol] (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** [wheelchair symbol] (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** [wheelchair symbol] (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

♦ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner
MGM Fulham Road [wheelchair symbol] (071-370 2636) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **MGM Trocadero** [wheelchair symbol] (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** [wheelchair symbol] (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

♦ ***MR SATURDAY NIGHT*** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, cornball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer; Crystal also directs.
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JULIAN HERBERT



The inevitable jump: Eddie Van Halen takes a small step for mankind

ROCK: A band in a time-warp

He ain't heavy — he's a relic

Van Halen
Wembley Arena

THE last time they played in England, at the annual Monsters of Rock festival in Castle Donington in 1984, Van Halen stood on the threshold of a revolution. The colossal, worldwide success of their single, "Jump", that year redefined the commercial possibilities of the heavy metal genre, transforming it from a cult phenomenon into a mainstream strand of rock, suitable for Top 40 radio and the mass pop market. Bon Jovi, Def Leppard and the rest were not far behind.

Returning, this time to Wembley, Van Halen seemed about as tuned in to recent developments as Rip Van Winkle. With the fragmentation of metal into more radical subdivisions (death, speed, thrash, industrial, *et al*), and the rise of grunge, the landscape has changed beyond recognition since their heyday. The old-style heavy metal warhorses have become an endangered species and, significantly, this year's Monsters of Rock festival has been quietly shelved.

Shored up in their Californian mansions, Van Halen have evidently remained blissfully unaware of the sea change. Their show was a loud, long, slick and soulless display of power and spectacle, frequently becalmed by flatulent displays of virtuoso musicianship, and interspersed throughout with the laddish, expletive-saturated repartee of singer Sammy Hagar.

Hagar replaced the group's original vocalist David Lee Roth in 1986, and although a superior singer he has always struggled to fill the athletic Roth's boots as a frontman on stage. His effusive displays of male bonding with the rest of the group (even a kiss on the forehead for guitarist Eddie Van Halen — "my next-door neighbour and best friend") were, at best, an embarrassing over-compensation.

Few clichés were left unturned. Drummer Alex Van Halen played a ten-minute solo requiring superhuman technique, but it was memorable primarily for the moment when his hydraulically-powered podium rose 12 feet off the ground. Michael Anthony, playing a bass guitar designed to resemble a whisky bottle, ran several circuits of the catwalk encircling the stage, repeatedly smashing the body of the instrument with the side of his fist. Hagar, accompanying himself on an acoustic 12-string guitar, forgot the words of a song he had just written.

Only Eddie Van Halen retained the spark of wit and originality which initially won the group its reputation. His unaccompanied solo section was delicately constructed and superbly executed, but still went on far too long. Despite the enduring melodic appeal of such hits as "Why Can't This Be Love", "Right Now" and the inevitable "Jump", it was a performance notable for its irrelevance as much as for the group's unquestionable expertise.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TELEVISION REVIEW: Jilly Cooper's sex-and-showjumping saga limps on to the screen

Saddle-sore already

SOMETIMES, in a play, a wife might open a Christmas present from her husband and exclaim "This is the most beautiful necklace I ever saw", and the point would be quite complex, related to character. For instance, it might mean she was a gushy person, a show-off or a fantasist; or it might indicate that the marriage was hanging by a very delicate thread. But who needs such sophistication all the time? Our weary adult brains deserve a good night off occasionally — and that's where dramas such as last night's **Jilly Cooper's Riders** (ITV) come in.

Because in *Riders* (which concludes tonight), when the wife says "This is the most beautiful necklace I ever saw," it simply says to the viewer "Wow, this is actually the most beautiful necklace in the world, and aren't you pea-green with envy?" In other words, the dialogue works in a show-and-tell manner possibly derived from the conventions of Chinese opera, but on the other hand, possibly derived from books for infants. "Gissa look at the beads, then" we might entreat her, but in vain. The important thing in wish-fulfilment fiction is that we accept the hyperbole, trust it, and swoon accordingly. "He must be the very best husband, just as he's the very best rider with the very best horse!"

Riders was a lot less irritating than last week's *Seekers* in the same ITV slot, mainly because it was honest about its ambitions, which are modest. For a drama about looks, money, adultery, horses, clothes, sex and jumping over stripy poles on horseback, it could have been a lot worse. What let it down, strangely, was the quality of the show-jumping scenes. Not only were they all won by the same bloke, but since there had been a sad neglect of the horses' characters, it was hard to get involved.

The human background was definitely all there, but somehow it didn't help. First there was the blond rakish Rupert Campbell-Black (Marcus Gilbert) who abuses the trust of his vacuous wife and devotes himself to activities which traditionally frighten the horses; and then there was the upright dark-featured Jake Lovell (Michael Praed) who wears denim shirts and silver rings, and looks like a model for a perfume called "Hint of Romany". Both are show jumpers — Rupert the famous one, but Jake the more talented — and they have a deep-seated grudge which can be settled, apparently, only within the show ring.

So off they go, gallop-gallop-hup-over, and so on. But though beautiful, this jumping footage is incredibly tame. The director has included little experiments in slow-motion to make the "hup" bit more exciting but nothing can stop Jake from attaining those relentless clear rounds, and the slow-motion just means it takes longer.

It is impressive that actors are actually riding horses (and you really don't notice the joins when there's a stand-in), but it is hard to care. "It's down to Jake now!" they say, in the best tradition of schoolgirl pony books. "He must get another clear round!" Yet the repeated sight of Jake clearing every fence ("Just the treble to go, and — hup, hup, hup — he's done it! He's won the cup for England!") paradoxically doesn't get off the ground.

LYNNE TRUSS

DANCE: Feet first in LCDT's new work

Soles of indiscretion

Shoes
Derngate
Northampton

ALETTA Collins did not know that Northampton is a centre of the shoe industry. So it was appropriate, but pure chance, that she should have chosen *Shoes* as the title of her new piece for the London Contemporary Dance Theatre; and that Northampton's Derngate Theatre should have commissioned and premiered it in this East Midlands Year of Dance.

Collins seems to share modern dancers' ambivalent attitude to footwear. The shoes she presents might be wildly desirable and gloriously variegated — lace-ups, clumpy high-heeled numbers, rakishly coloured Doc Martens — but they also result in restriction and anonymity. By contrast bare feet mean unhampered expression.

Bernadette Iglich, who comes on shoeless, personifies this freedom. She begins the piece, bare hands moving in wide arcs, and precise gestures with the unfettered range of her bare feet later on. Behind the front cloth stands a gradually detectable row of men and women. The cloth rises a few inches to reveal diversely shod feet; they shuffle to form a gap for another pair of shoes which drops to the ground. These are to be Iglich's — shoes which she dons, but soon discards.

At regular intervals, the front drop lifts completely to expose the people behind. Uniform and disciplined, they are a chorus line that moves minimally, at one point each removing a shoe to perform a more delicate side-step. But gradually more and more individuals break away, their shoes abandoned. Towards the end, the whole cast covers the stage with a stomping dance.

Collins's style offers zany non-dance dance that matches Steve Martland's commissioned electronic score of heavily rhythmic, piano-like chords. All these components add up to an amusingly fresh, attractive piece. It has immediate appeal rather than depth, but is eminently marketable.

NADINE MEISNER

THEATRE: Clothes maketh the criminal

Doing time in style

Gangster Apparel
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THE Bristol Express company launches a three-week season of new plays with an intriguing American two-hander. Richard Vetere's play, focused on two failed hitmen for the mob, began life as a single act. Now spread over three, it seems thin; the shorter form would be meatier. But it provides two good roles and a quota of funny exchanges.

We meet Louie ironing his silk socks in preparation for a gangland killing. Clothes make the man, style is everything. Shirt, suit and shoes are shown off to his scruffy accomplice Joey. "You ever see the Pope wear sneakers?" Louie demands contemptuously.

Style still obsesses him in the next act where both are in prison. Indistinguishable from the other regulation-clad convicts, Louie can no longer define himself, though he finds time to rail against the dowdy jury.

Having squealed, the two men are relocated with new identities in a Western desert town through the "witness protection programme". Joey takes happily to square dancing, country and western, and selling genuine cowboy gear made in Hong Kong, Puerto Rico and Manhattan. Louie frets and chafes: "I'm a tiger and I need a jungle." The past catches up with them, and decisions must be made. The play boils down to a comparison between Joey and Louie, but hardly delves deeply enough into how form and content, style and substance, meld in an individual.

Simon Elliott's evocative designs neatly conjure up cityscape and open spaces with grainy blow-up photographs. Daniel Slater's direction gets performances of absolute conviction from Richard Le Parmentier as impressionable Joey and Stephen Davies, cocky, assured, faintly ridiculous in what one can only call the Robert de Niro role of Louie. The music is provided by Frank Sinatra for reasons one hesitates to conjecture over.

MARTIN HOYLE

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Anthony Burgess has been pondering a novel about Marlowe for thirty years. The result is full of the awkward intractability of life

Sean French

A DEAD MAN IN DEPTFORD
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Interviewed in a recently published book about the writing of fiction, Anthony Burgess confessed: "I don't think I'll ever write another novel. I'm getting old." Since Burgess continues to write more journalism than most journalists, it is perhaps not surprising that even when Burgess is avowedly *not* writing novels he remains more productive than most people.

This version of the murder of Christopher Marlowe in 1593 feels less like the end of a career than the beginning of a new one, an historical novel written with youthful energy and impetuous ambition. Burgess has been pondering this subject for a long time. According to an afterword, Burgess first considered writing the novel in 1964 for the quatercentenary of Marlowe's birth. But another playwright was also born in 1564, and Burgess wrote his still undervalued novel about Shakespeare, sex and the literary impulse, *Nothing Like the Sun*, instead.

Yet Marlowe is the better subject, and this is a richer, more complex novel. The historical Shakespeare is an intriguingly marginal, even vacant figure. What matters is the work, in which the author's own views and personality are tantalisingly difficult to descry. By contrast, Marlowe is vividly, if ambiguously, visible in a range of fields. He was not just a spy, recruited at Cambridge, but a friend, possibly a lover, of the nephew of Francis Walsingham, Elizabeth I's spymaster. He was a close associate of Walter Ralegh and others of the intellectual élite. He was a religious sceptic, almost certainly homosexual, and the decisive forerunner of Shakespeare.

The bare bones of Marlowe's life are fascinating enough. Burgess's considerable achievement is to explore how they might have interacted and their sheer precarious oddity in the paranoid world of Elizabethan politics, threatened by assassination or invasion.

This novel does lots of things very well simultaneously. The spy story relentlessly leads us to the Deptford tavern where Marlowe will be stabbed in the eye, without ever settling for the glib neatness of a thriller. Burgess's evocation of the spiritual disputes, between Protestant and Catholic, between religion and the new science and also between the worlds of art and politics, is masterly. Marlowe, compromised though he may be, is a believer in the life of the imagination against the more dangerous fictions of public life.

It is the rendering of this life that is Burgess's particular triumph. The facts can be found in academic books, but the novelist must also give us the smells and sounds. This is a story of poetry and talk, politics and ideas, but also of the scaffold and the thumbscrew, and these aspects are rightly almost overwhelmed by the oppressive realities of Elizabethan daily life, the omnipresent filth and the perfumes that disguised it, the spiced food, the intoxications of liquor and tobacco. Burgess pungently evokes a contrast which was more real to the Elizabethans than to any previous age, between the man-made landscape of the city and the man-made landscape of the countryside.

The question of language is always a problem in historical fiction. Burgess attempts a light veneer of Elizabethan pastiche which gave me some uneasy moments but by the time I reached the magnificent, superbly theatrical final scene, I was won over. This novel is a major achievement, comic, terrifying, and very moving.

● *Sean French's first novel*, The Imaginary Monkey *(Granta), was reviewed in* The Times *on April 12.*

PAPERBACKS

FATHERLAND
By Robert Harris
Arrow, £4.99
A WIDELY acclaimed novel that takes a chilling new perspective on the horrors of the Holocaust. It is 1964 in Greater Germany, the victorious Hitler approaches his 75th birthday, and there are the first signs of peace with America.
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SHADOWS OF THE POMEGRANATE
By Tariq Ali
Picador, £5.99
THE year is 1500, the setting is Moorish Spain. Granada, the last Muslim kingdom, has fallen to Ferdinand and Isabella; book-burning and the terrors of the Inquisition are everywhere. In the village of Al-Hudayl, the patriarch Umar fears for the future. His palace is surrounded by orchards and vineyards, his family are close and devoted. To save all this, as the local carpenter carves a dangerously political chess set for little Yazid, the youngest, Umar's uncle urges him to convert. Bandits roam the mountains. Christian armies are closing in. The ending is no less tragic for being inevitable; an epilogue extends the frontiers of the novel to encompass future brutalities of colonialism. A richly re-created world: a stunning achievement.

VITA AND HAROLD
The Letters of
Vita Sackville-West and
Harold Nicolson, 1910-1962
Edited by Nigel Nicolson
Phoenix, £7.99
"IF I marry you, everything has got to be a success all through," Vita wrote to Harold Nicolson the year before their wedding. They spent the rest of their lives reassuring one another, in hundreds of letters, that everything was a success — their homes, their gardens, their books, their sons, themselves and especially the marriage they conducted between homosexual affairs of their own. The self-congratulation is wearing and Vita's outbursts about the lower orders hard to swallow. But both were good gossips, and these letters, if not quite the record of an heroic passion their authors imagined, are a thoroughly entertaining piece of English social history.

●*Contributors: Alexander Ross, Sue Gee, Hazel Leslie*

Purgatory in a rural paradise



Domestic turmoil: Jilly Cooper (left) and Deborah Moggach

Katherine Bergen

THE MAN WHO MADE HUSBANDS JEALOUS
By Jilly Cooper
Bantam, £15.99

THE EX-WIVES
By Deborah Moggach
Heinemann, £14.99

Once again, the rural England of Jilly Cooper is comprised of impossibly handsome men, staggeringly beautiful women and adorably naughty dogs. It is an England which has proved a hit before and the formula is reworked for Paradise, the Cotswold setting of this latest jodphur-ripper. As usual, the author has provided a detailed dramatis personae to steer the reader through Paradise's labyrinth of libidos.

The man of the title, Lysander, is young, blond and available, for a large fee, to the female residents of this Rutlandshire village to make their wandering husbands jealous. Despite his limited intellectual ability — his viewing habits tend towards Donald Duck and *EastEnders* and he never gets past page 25 of *The Mill on the Floss* — he has spectacular success. Erring husbands alarmed by his attentions to their neglected wives return to Paradise to restake their claims.

Lysander's greatest challenge turns out to be Kitty, the dumpy and despised wife of Rinaldini, the world's greatest conductor and womaniser. He is dark, devilish and has some surprising sexual predilections. Our hero determines to save Kitty from the caddish Rinaldini and in doing so falls in love with her. Paradise turns to purgatory as all the other relationships adjust to admit this unlikely alliance.

Cooper's characters are good or bad, victims or villains, but they are rescued from stereotype because they are funny. Occasionally, though, the characterisation is suspended to accommodate the author's wit. When the ever-so-dainty nouveau riche Marigold suddenly opines, quite out of character, that someone is the "most irritating person since the nurse in *Romeo and Juliet*", it is certainly Cooper and not Marigold talking.

Nonetheless, this is a great roistering read in the best Cooper tradition.

In Deborah Moggach's *The Ex-Wives*, Russell Buffery, "Buffy", has a mature, shambolic charm and a Mr Kipling voice that, in direct contrast to Lysander, is "his most reliable organ where women are concerned". He lives alone in amazing solitary squalor in a flat in Maida Vale after the discovery of his third wife's infidelity. An actor, prone to musing on the "Tony Blackburnisation" of pubs, he meets the orphaned Celeste. She is as mysterious as she is nubile, and her interest in his life, his ex-wives in particular, is at first inexplicable but she is the catalyst through which the extensive Buffy network re-encounter each other. Of the ex-wives Penny is a slick, sophisticated journalist, Jaquetta a tempestuous artist and Popsi a bit actress-turned-antique dealer. They all reveal the details of their marriages willingly to the probing Celeste.

Celeste's odyssey takes her all over a richly observed London, from Chelsea to Primrose Hill and Kilburn, and Moggach's characters are as vividly drawn as her locations. Although the outcome of this tale is surprising, it is also skilfully convincing.

Penance of a saint

Robert Nye

BROTHER JACOB
By Henryk Strangerup
Translated by Anne Born
Marion Boyars, £15.95

Here is a clear case of what Auden once called a fair notion fatally injured. Henrik Strangerup is one of Denmark's leading novelists. *Brother Jacob* takes as its subject the life of a little-known religious hero, a Franciscan monk who was also a Danish king's younger brother. In the early 16th century, Brother Jacob is studying in Paris as a Franciscan Grey Brother, discovering the intellectually rebellious truth-seeking Rabelais and the Utopian visions of Thomas More.

Just as the forces of the Reformation drive his family from the throne, Brother Jacob is driven to the New World in search of a place where he might express his own religion, a return to primitive Christianity free alike of papal power and the iconoclasm of its opponents. In Mexico he founds monasteries and hospitals and champions the rights of the Amerindians. In return, his monasteries are attacked and he is ordered to do a penance of silence. He dies aged 82, honoured as a saint by the Indians.

Such a strong ideological plot demands energy of the teller if it is to succeed as narrative. Unfortunately, Strangerup is more interested in images than events, and the story keeps stopping, bogged down in contemplation of this thing and that — the whitewashing of the inside of a chapel, the tracing of the labyrinth in the floor of Chartres cathedral, the colours of the gods of the Zacapu mountains. Worse, there is even a sense that Strangerup *wastes* these images by not binding them together in any pattern. Seldom can a book so much concerned with movement and discovery — physical, mental, and spiritual — have been so static. Rarely can so static a book have proved itself so misty at the edges.

Still, there is seriousness to be respected in the endeavour. And it is partly the translator's fault that the new book never quite seems to catch fire — a number of sentences here are soggy translationese. That said, there is something finally unappetising as well as unsatisfying about *Brother Jacob*. Auden after all was speaking in self-deprecation of his own fair notion fatally injured. Strangerup contributes a preface to this English edition which exudes a spirit of complete self-satisfaction.

Brahmin buddies

Moy McCrory

FOLLY
By Susan Minot
Heinemann, £14.99



A writer who must not be hurried: Susan Minot

Susan Minot's *Folly* is the second novel by a wildly promising American author whose first, *Monkeys*, was highly acclaimed when it appeared in 1986. Her haunting treatment of a tragic theme, the death of her mother, was both elegant and witty. *Folly*, her story of love and prim lives among the upper-class Boston milieu, does not dazzle, but it still flashes with good moments.

There is a delicacy about her style which recalls a bygone age and suits her subject. Even in appearance the book has the feel of those classic library texts, and Minot is being pitched to join them: comparisons have been made between her and Jane Austen.

Why doesn't this feel quite right? *Folly* is billed as her "longest, richest and most ambitious" work to date, yet I found it slighter than her first. The book moves in an over-ordered way, and while she is certainly subtle, at times she is unsatisfying, the scent of the characters evaporating even as I was reading. Just occasionally I had the feeling of having wandered into the easy-listening section of HMV when I wanted something tougher. Her exquisite prose rescues the book, and the shopper, before the checkout.

Here is a contemporary American writer who straddles earlier literary models with ease, absorbing traditions which have moved her closer to Europe, as if displayed, while very much a chronicler of small lives, inner thoughts.

She captures the values of a given time to reveal the partial world of *Folly*, where a small social circle watches its reflection during and after the first world war, just as America comes to terms with its youth and grows towards a cynical but not necessarily knowing adulthood. She uses restraint in colouring the period, letting the attitudes of her central character, Lilian Eliot, give us the flavour.

Everything is implicit. Minot's guidelines are gentle, as when Lilian learns what is expected of her: "... a girl should always be interested in what a boy thought, that it was important to have the right sort of wrap, and that boys liked it if you hit them playfully on the arm."

Minot is wise enough never to tell. When we finally see through Lilian's brother, it is all the more shocking because we are sharing his sister's view. Minot is a writer who must not be hurried. If *Folly* feels a little less than excellent, that is only due to the shadow cast on it by *Monkeys*.

● *May McCrory's most recent novel is* Those sailing ships of his boyhood dreams *(Cape).*

Golden joys of Africa exposed

Sousa Jamba

NATIVE STRANGER
By Eddy L. Harris
Viking, £15.99

This is an honest book by a pernickety black American writer who spent a year travelling through Africa and hated it. There has yet to be a recent travel book about African corruption, incompetence, authoritarianism and other ills by an American to surpass Robert Klitgaard's *Tropical Gangsters*. The novelty of *A Native Stranger* is that Harris is black and was disheartened by what he found in the land of his ancestors.

Harris says he wanted to be African for a while. He wanted to share the joys and pains of the Africans. He soon discovered that there was more pain than joy in Africa. In a journey which takes him from Tunisia to South Africa, Harris had to contend with arrogant bureaucrats, corrupt policemen, squalor and other horrors which are typical of the continent.

Africa, Harris discovers, is not homogeneous; it is complex and awash with disparate cravings, some of which have yet to be deloused from the effects of colonialism. In Mali, women still buy skin-bleaching creams and complain about the shape of their noses. Africans, Harris learns, are still awed by white skin. When he tried to hitchhike, no car stopped for him. When a white aid worker joined him, a motorist stopped at once.

However hard he tried, Harris could never be a complete African because, as he says, he is a child of a different culture. He refuses, for instance, to kowtow before the local authorities, as many Africans around him do. This resolve not to let the bureaucrats and armed men he meets on the way cow him often gets him into trouble.

In Liberia, officers of the murderous Doe regime put Harris into prison after accusing him of spying. In prison Harris, a privileged prisoner, is dismayed by the conditions in which the inmates are kept. No one cared for these men, who were starving; during his brief sojourn in prison, Harris used his own money to feed these hapless men. It is hardly surprising, then, that Harris concludes that he cannot relate to the way powerful Africans treat their weaker compatriots.

Although Harris should be commended for his honesty and courage, he makes some specious assumptionsas he passes through. Not all Africans have been passive in the face of the authoritarianism of their rulers. Many African intellectuals have been imprisoned or forced into exile in their struggle to rid the continent of some of those aspects which displeased Harris.

Harris's constant striving for literary effect is irritating and, at times, embarrassing; however, *Native Stranger* shimmers with disturbing images of all that which has made Africans of my generation despair. Harris's honesty has earned him much hate mail from people of African descent who are still eager to sustain the romantic notion of the continent. I only wish that his correspondents would also start writing to the African politicians who are largely responsible for the mess the continent is in.

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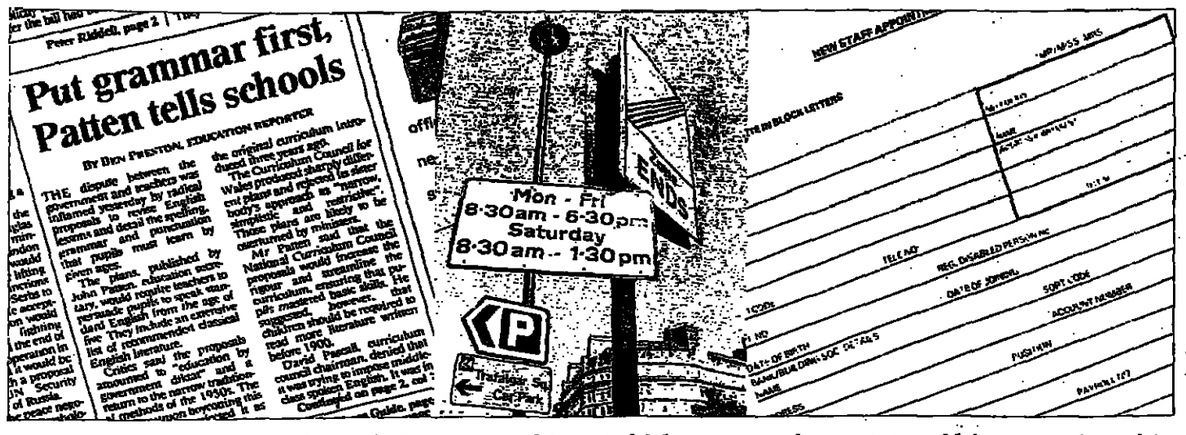
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Write moves on literacy

John Patten, the education secretary, has spoken of 'worrying levels of illiteracy'. **Alan Wells** discusses claims that one school leaver in three has problems

There are not four million, five million or six million "illiterates" in the UK, despite some recent headlines. In the sense that "illiteracy" means that someone cannot read or write at all, we do not have a major problem in this country. However, we do have a serious problem of under-education and far too many people cannot cope, or can barely cope, with the reading and writing demands of a complex, industrialised country. Most can read a little and can write simple notes, but this level of skill in our society probably puts them at more of a disadvantage than an illiterate was in Victorian Britain.

It is estimated that about 6 million adults in the UK have problems with literacy and numeracy. A survey earlier this year suggested that about 40 per cent of young people in colleges of further education need help if they are to complete their course successfully and get a good qualification.

Recent research illustrates the range of difficulties. About 5 per cent of those surveyed could not identify, from a simple advertisement, where a pop concert was to take place. More than a third could not answer a question correctly after having read a one-page article on hypothermia, and 15 per cent could not calculate the change from £20 if they had spent £17.89.

The demand for literacy and numeracy has increased significantly in the past 30 years and continues to increase ever more rapidly. The effects of poor basic skills are considerable. Almost 90 per cent of middle and low level jobs require communication skills, including reading and writing. Most of these jobs require some competence in basic mathematics. The few jobs that do not need basic skills are disappearing most rapidly. People with the poorest mastery of basic skills have the least choice of a job ever, and most people lacking basic skills are likely to experience long and frequent periods of unemployment.

Increasingly, the poorly educated and poorly trained will be seen by most employers as unemployable. They will form the core of a disenchanted group of people with little investment or involvement in this society. Poor basic skills hamper the British economy, not just the person concerned. Although it is difficult to be definitive, a recent Gallup survey estimated that poor basic skills cost British industry more than £4.8 billion a year. On average, it costs every company with more than 50 employees £165,000 every year. Even more worryingly, low levels of basic skills mean that companies have to adapt their practices and procedures to accommodate poor skills, rather than use the most effective modern techniques.

> **People with poor basic skills hamper the British economy**

The reasons why so many people have problems with reading, writing and basic maths are, like most problems in an industrialised society, complex. Neither is it clear whether the problem is becoming worse. A survey by the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit later this year will try to establish whether younger, middle aged or older people are better able to deal with reading and maths. My guess is that different age groups will be better at some tasks than others.

It is easy to reduce the debate about basic skills and standards to simplistic slogans and try to apportion blame; it is not very useful, however. Some people have been poorly educated and low expectations have led to poor performance. This has been exacerbated by regular absence from school, little encouragement at home and a culture of low expectation.

However, some adults with problems left school with a level of mastery of basic skills which was considered good enough at the time. Changes in work patterns and practices, and in everyday life, have made the skills they have inadequate and they are not able to improve their skills without help. School never got them to the "jumping off" point at which, like most people, they could adapt and improve without much help.

It would be reassuring if the basic skills problem was a problem of today and not tomorrow. Too many children, also, need extra help with reading, writing and spelling at school and there is a serious intergenerational effect of poor basic skills. Parents who cannot read and write very well are more likely to have children who have problems with reading and writing at school. They are less likely to be able to provide support and help for their struggling children and, thus, the cycle of low expectation and poor skills goes on from generation to generation. The advantages of the National Curriculum will be illusory unless parents, a child's first and most important teachers, can ensure that children get the right start.

Finally, what needs to be done about this distressing state of affairs? We do not need a "quick fix". We need to set an easily understood target for basic skills competence. Initially the target will have to be unduly modest because we are starting from such a low base. The National Curriculum needs to work effectively in all schools and a range of measures need to be taken before school, at school and after school to catch and help failing readers and writers.

What is most worrying is not the one in 20 people who will not get to the pop concert. It's the one in three who couldn't help me if I were old and cold that give real cause for concern.

● *The author is the director of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit*

Royal ruin that cries out for repair

This week's by-election has highlighted the plight of a historic school building

The battle of Newbury 1993, which will come to its conclusion on Thursday, has been fought over the battle grounds of the English civil war. Warring armies in the Berkshire by-election have been called to the once grand house used by Charles I and Charles II which now stands falling into ruin in the centre of a comprehensive school.

In October 1644, during the second battle of Newbury, Shaw House was used as a stronghold for King Charles I in the defence of Donnington Castle. On October 27, 1644, while Cromwell was engaging the Royalists at nearby Speen, a force of 3,000 Parliamentarian foot and 1,200 horse attacked the house. The Royalists had fortified the house and grounds and after hand-to-hand fighting in the grounds and gardens managed to repulse the Parliamentarians and routed them with a cavalry charge.

In August 1663, Charles II stayed at Shaw House and was attacked by a Parliamentarian who fired a musket at him while he was dressing in front of a bay window. The bullet narrowly missed him and the bullet hole could still be seen in the wood panelling until it was removed in the late 1980s.

Pupils moved out of Shaw House, a grade 1 listed building, in 1985, into other buildings on the site when a crack was found in one of the original Tudor beams. Since then deterioration has been rapid as the county council, which took over the house for use as a school in 1949, has failed to undertake essential repairs which it is now estimated would cost £1.5 million.

JULIAN HERBERT



Campaigning: Michael McLeod is fighting for the house

Michael McLeod, the headmaster of the 600-pupil Shaw House school, is leading a campaign to have the house repaired as soon as possible, spreading the cost over a number of years. "Shaw House is an important part of our national heritage," he says, "and it should be restored not just for the school but for the nation."

Mr McLeod was interviewed for his job in the house before it was finally evacuated in 1985 and says he was given the impression that the school would be back in residence within months. Since then other beams have been uncovered, the wood panelling removed and scaffolding erected inside and outside the house.

Both the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives visited the school last week. David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat, who is also a member of Newbury council, says: "It's a great tragedy. The house has been empty for a very long time and as a result has fallen into a worse and worse state.

"There is no money in the education budget to pay for the repairs and it would be wrong to take money away from the education of children. I think the money should be found from the heritage ministry."

Julian Davidson, the Tory candidate, says: "I am really horrified by what has happened to this wonderful building, which should be preserved. The school is also being denied a valuable resource." Mr Davidson has raised the matter with Robert Key, a junior heritage minister, and has promised the school that if he wins the election he will bring Mr Key to Shaw House to see the situation for himself.

There is no immediate hope for the house. Plans to sell it for development as a hotel or conference centre have been shelved and Berkshire county council says: "The present plan is to bring the house back into use for the school in a phased programme but there is no money and the plan is on the back burner."

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Further particulars, containing details of the duties and full range of emoluments and allowances attaching to both the University and college posts, may be obtained from Professor C.A.R. Hoare, F.R.S., Oxford University Computing Laboratory, 11 Keble Road, Oxford, OX1 3QD to whom applications with a full curriculum vitae and summary of research interests (14 typed copies, or one from overseas applicants) should be sent by Monday 31 May 1993, together with the names and addresses of three referees. (Separate application is not necessary for the associated college posts.) It is intended to hold interviews over 10 - 11 June 1993.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor Hoare (Telephone Oxford (0865) 273840 or Fax (0865) 273839 or JANET: TONY.HOARE@UK.AC.OX.COMLAB). Applications, which cannot be made until shortly before the closing date, may be submitted by fax or e.mail.

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POSTS

HEAD
of
PEMBRIDGE HALL SCHOOL

18 Pembridge Square, London W2 4EH
Telephone 071 229 0121 Fax 071 792 1086

The Governors invite applications for the post of Head of Pembridge Hall, an independent day school for girls from 5-11 years, which will become vacant on the retirement of Mrs Elizabeth Collison in April 1994.

For further information please contact the school office. Handwritten letters of application with a full CV, photograph, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees should be sent to the Chairman of the Governors at the above address.

The closing date for applications is Friday 21 May 1993.

University of Tromsø

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(tenured) in American Literature/American Civilization (American Studies) at the School of Languages and Literature.
The gross salary is at present NOK 251.606/196.541-242.509 per year.
Inquiries about the position can be made to Head of Administration Anne-Cathrine Andersen or Prof. Fredrik Chr. Brøgger, telephone 010.47.83-44242 or -44276. Fax 010.47.83-44239.
Closing date for applications: 31. May 1993.
Applications should be sent in 5 copies together with the relevant certificates to:
The University of Tromsø, The University Director, Breivika, N-9037 TROMSØ, Norway.
Full directives for application and job description can be obtained at the University at the abovementioned address.

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Reading University Students' Union is seeking to recruit a new General Manager. The General Manager will be responsible for the effective management of all RUSU's operations. The General Manager will be expected to work in close co-operation with a team of five Student Subbatical Officers. The General Manager shall safeguard established, and astutely develop new, income stream, provide effective personnel management and ensure that the operations of RUSU provide a comprehensive and cost effective service to the students at Reading University.

Applications should have an experience of Project Management, budgetary Control, and have an ability to adapt to changing market demands. A working knowledge of Personnel management is essential.

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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS - MONDAY 17TH MAY 1993

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KEBLE COLLEGE OXFORD

The College is seeking to elect a successor to the present Warden, Dr G B Richardson, from 1 October 1994. Any person, of either sex, who may wish to be considered for this position, or who may wish to propose the names of others whom the College might consider, is invited to write in confidence to the Sub-Warden (Dr R F Green) at Keble College, Oxford OX1 3PG befor 3 June 1993.

The College's choice will not necessarily be limited to those whose names come forward in this way.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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Applications are invited for a five-term University Lectureship in Mathematical Logic tenable from 1 October 1993 until 30 September 1998

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University of Cambridge

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Applications are invited for the above Chair which will become vacant on 1 July 1993.

Present pensionable stipend £36,495.

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New team to vet work on BCCI

TWENTY four creditors of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International have put forward nominations for a new creditors' committee that will supervise the work of Touche Ross, the bank's liquidator.

Creditors will be asked to pick the five members of the new committee at a meeting at Wembley Arena at the end of the month. The committee will replace an informal committee of six set up by the high court at the end of 1991.

Touche will report to creditors on the progress of their attempts to recover funds, and will be told that of BCCI's $14 billion assets worldwide, there is a black hole of $12.4 billion. Details of a report sent to the Department of Trade and Industry last week showed a black hole of $2.13 billion in the English liquidation and of $3.87 billion in BCCI SA.

Creditors will also be told how much any payment depends on a partial compensation agreement negotiated by Touche with the Abu Dhabi authorities, BCCI's majority shareholder, and on the results of legal action against the auditors and other parties.

Auctioneers woo sellers

Sotheby's Holdings and Christie's International, the hard-pressed auctioneers, have armed themselves with new financial weapons in the fight for a larger share of the depressed art market. They are offering non-refundable deposits to potential sellers.

Sush an advance means the auction house advances money, with the sum repaid only if the art collection sells. Christie's says it has seen an increase in the request for advances payments before a sale. Last year, it advanced $50 million in traditional and non-recourse loans, up 66 per cent on a year ago. Sotheby's advances last year were about $22 million. Both houses declined to disclose any details of the new financing deposits on offer.

This year, commission rates rose to 15 per cent and now apply to both the buyer and the seller.

Shaking the trees to harvest a Gatt deal

■ The new Gatt chief fears he has only six months to succeed in tackling a resurgence of protectionism in America and to win an agreement that has been long delayed

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

PETER Sutherland, the former European competition commissioner ready to become head of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), plans to give the post greater political clout and to launch a big push for a world trade agreement by mid-December.

The resurgence of protectionism in America, as fears grow about the impact of freer trade on American jobs, is a serious concern for Mr Sutherland, who plans to argue the urgent need for a Uruguay round agreement in the US Congress. The extension to December 15 of the fast-track authorisation to President Clinton to conclude a trade agreement means, in Mr Sutherland's view, that he has only six months to succeed. Mr Sutherland said he would "shake the trees" to make sure the agreement was not consigned to the graveyard.

As a European commissioner, Mr Sutherland, also chairman of Allied Irish Bank, showed no fear of taking governments or powerful companies to task. He initiated Brussels' first serious challenge to state monopolies in telecommunications and air transport, addressed merger control and state subsidies and stood up to corporate giants such as Daimler-Benz, British Airways and Renault.

His track record in Brussels, plus his string of directorships in companies from BT to Delta Airlines, have convinced European Community governments and the Clinton administration that he is the right man to succeed to the director-generalship of the Gatt, the trade organisation that has led the Uruguay round negotiations.

Mr Sutherland has been an active member of the "Eminent Persons Group", chaired by Graf Otto Lambsdorff, the former German economics minister. The group has persistently lobbied for an early conclusion of the Uruguay round.

Mr Sutherland's commitment in the area of free trade was probably crucial to his becoming the preferred choice in both Brussels and Washington as successor to Arthur Dunkel, the outgoing Gatt director-general, at the end of June. This week, Mr Sutherland will hold discussions with Balkrishan Zutshi, the Indian chairman of the Gatt contracting parties committee, which has to endorse the appointment of a new director-general.

With America firmly opposed to giving the job to a country from the developing world, the only other name put forward as a possible successor to Mr Dunkel, Julio Lacarte Muro, the octogenarian Gatt representative from Uruguay, stood no real chance against the vigorous Mr Sutherland, 47.

The 110 contracting parties, or members, have to reach consensus on the appointment, but the transatlantic alliance behind Mr Sutherland makes it virtually impossible for other countries to defend rival candidates.

Mr Dunkel played a key role in keeping the Uruguay round alive after it overshot its original target for conclusion in December 1990. The draft final act he put forward a year later has long been seen as the deal that would ultimately emerge. Mr Sutherland is keeping an open mind on the Dunkel paper. The Uruguay round aims at further liberalising world trade in manufactured goods and extending free trade rules to agricultural produce and services. Having turned down the Gatt post on the grounds that it would disrupt his family life, Mr Sutherland was last week persuaded by Jacques Delors to change his mind.

Mr Sutherland is under no illusions about how unpopular he might become at the centres of power. He thinks the time for platitudes about free trade from the leading industrial nations is over. He now considers that the time has come to point accusing fingers at governments about their own adherence to free trade, instead of allowing governments to go on accusing others about their shortcomings.



Job in hand: Peter Sutherland will put the case for Gatt settlement to Congress

Halt to Zeneca 'grey market' welcomed

BY MICHAEL CLARK, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

THE decision by Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house, last week to halt a "grey market" in shares of the soon to be demerged Zeneca and ICI was greeted with an almost audible sigh of relief at ICI's Millbank headquarters.

Salomon says it will suspend trading until after the issue has been priced on May 12. It made its decision after intense pressure from the Stock Exchange. Salomon had been making a "grey market" in the shares since last Tuesday. The exchange said it had been monitoring the situation and made its request despite the fact that Salomon had every right to make a "grey market", no matter what the risk to itself, and that it had not breached any regulations.

Whispers in the Square Mile last Friday claimed the stock market had made its move after coming under intense pressure from both Goldman Sachs and BZW, ICI's and Zeneca's own brokers.

Plotting the performance of both share prices on the "grey market" during the week, it was not difficult to understand the unease felt by Sir Denys Henderson, ICI chairman, and his colleagues. On Friday, when trading on the "grey market" was halted the Zeneca share price stood at about 700p, compared with 750p at the start of the week.

By contrast, the demerged ICI had kicked off the week at 500p and grown in strength to finish at 575p. The underlying share price finished 11p higher on Friday at £12.89.

If the Zeneca price had continued to fall in the run-up to the demerger it could have proved costly for both the company and its advisers.

Zeneca is proposing to raise £1.3 billion in new capital by way of a rights issue as part of the demerger. A weakened price on the "grey market" would have undermined its position. One broker said: "ICI and its advisers have enough on their hands selling this demerger to the institutions, without seeing the Zeneca share price being whittled away on the 'grey market'."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

CACAFOGO

(a) A spitfire or braggart, also *cacafuego*, from the Latin *cacâre* to discharge excrement + *focus* hearth, ad. Spanish *fuego* fire, the name of a Spanish galleon taken by Drake in 1577: Fletcher, *Fair Maid*: "She will be ravisht before our faces by rascalls and caca3ugos, wife, cacafugoes!"

CACOLET

(c) A military litter for the sick or wounded carried by mules: either in the form of arm-chairs suspended one on each side of a mule, or of a bed laid along the beast's back. First employed by the French in the Crimean War, 1854-5. Dialect French for a mule chair in the Pyrenees. "The wounded who have been successfully removed from Gubat in cacolets."

CACOEPY

(a) Bad or erroneous pronunciation, as opposed to *orthoepy*, adapted from the Greek *orthos* correct + *epos* a word: "Phonology finds in orthoepy only the materials upon which it works, which indeed it finds no less in cacoepy."

CACOON

(b) The large flat polished bean of a climbing tropical shrub, *Entada scandens*, (N.O. *Leguminosae*), which has jointed pods six or eight feet long, containing in each joint one of these beans, about 2 inches across and half an inch thick. They are made into snuff-boxes, scent-bottles, spoons, etc., and are sometimes sold in the streets of London as West Indian Filberts. ? a native African name. "The pods contain from ten to fifteen hard, brown, shining, flattened seeds, called cacoons."

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Law Report May 3 1993 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Police cannot see hospital records

Regina v Cardiff Crown Court, Ex parte Kellam

Before Lord Justice Evans and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment April 7]

Hospital records of patients' admission and discharge from hospital were excluded material under sections 11 and 12 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 as they related to the physical or mental health of persons who could be identified from them.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing the application of Dr Alexander Murray Plenderleith Kellam for judicial review and granting certiorari setting aside the order of Judge Rutter at Cardiff Crown Court on May 18, 1992, pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the 1984 Act, that the applicant give access to a constable to a document described as "a record of patients' movements kept at Whitchurch Hospital for the purposes of National Insurance payment," in particular within the period from December 20 to December 24, 1990.

A woman's dead body, which had been stabbed 83 times, had been found in a stream one or two miles from Whitchurch Hospital. A witness had stated that on the previous day a man was seen there behaving particularly oddly, so much so that the witness thought at the time that the man was an inpatient from the hospital on day release.

That and other evidence led the police to believe that they should interview a person who was an inpatient at the time of the murder. The police therefore wished to inspect the record kept of patients' movements.

The applicant, a consultant forensic psychiatrist, challenged the validity of the production order on the ground that the record of patients' movements constituted excluded material within sections 11 and 12 of the 1984 Act because it consisted of personal records relating to the mental health of individuals who could be identified.

Section 11 of the 1984 Act provides: "(1) Subject to the following provisions ... 'excluded material' means — (a) personal records which a person has acquired or created in the course of any trade, business, profession ... and which he holds in confidence; ..."

Section 12 provides: "... 'personal records' means documentary and other records concerning an individual (whether living or dead) who can be identified from them and relating — (a) to his physical or mental health; ..."

Mr Wyn L. Williams, QC and Mr Nicholas Cooke for the applicant; Mr Christopher Llewellyn-Jones, QC, for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the documents in question were prepared for submission to the Department of Health and Social Security so that the National Insurance payments which became due to patients for days when they were absent from the hospital could be calculated accordingly.

It was not disputed that the documents were held by Dr Kellam in confidence, notwithstanding that they were produced in due course to the department.

The issue therefore was whether the records of patients' movements kept for that purpose related to their physical or, in this case, mental health.

It was important, in his Lordship's judgment, to distinguish between the document which formed the record and the information contained in it; likewise, the purpose for which the document, or the information, was required was irrelevant to the question whether the document was within the statutory definition or not.

Thus, the fact that the information contained in the document in question which apparently came from nursing notes or similar documents which undoubtedly were medical records did not determine whether the document related to his mental health.

For the same reason, it was equally irrelevant that the fact of a person's admission to or discharge from hospital would not normally be regarded as confidential in the way that details of his medical condition and treatment were.

The issue turned upon the meaning to be given to the words "relating to" his physical and mental health.

In the analogous context of discovery in civil actions, the phrase "relating to any matter in question" had been given a wide meaning: see *Compagnie Financiere et Commerciale du Pacifique v Peruvian Guano Company* ((1882) 11 QBD 55).

The judgment in *Brookes v Prescott* ([1948] 2 KB 133), concerning the privilege from production claimed in that case for police officers' notebooks, considered the meaning of "relate solely to", but they did not suggest that "relate" did not bear the wide meaning which it was given in ordinary parlance.

Those considerations compelled the conclusion, in his Lordship's judgment, that the record in question did "relate to the mental health" of the person or persons who could be identified from it.

With considerable reluctance, having regard to the wider issues involved, his Lordship held that the application had to succeed and the production order was set aside.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND said that the words in section 11 of the 1984 Act had to be given their ordinary and natural meaning. That was so even if the result might seriously impede police investigations into a terrible murder and allow a very dangerous man to remain at large and a real risk to others.

Parliament defined "excluded material" as a matter of public policy, presumably, because it considered that the confidentiality of records of identifiable individuals relating to their health should have paramountcy over the prevention and investigation of serious crime. It was not for the courts to question whether Parliament had struck the right balance or unreasonably overemphasised the importance of confidentiality.

The fact that the police might wish to interview a named suspect, who was in a mental hospital as a patient, was irrelevant to the question as to whether the record sought was excluded material.

Equally, the entirely laudable purpose of obtaining the record to find out, from the times and dates of discharge, whether they matched the time of the crime, was irrelevant.

The definition, in his Lordship's judgment, was widely drawn and embracing. The "records relating to physical or mental health" were not confined to clinical, nursing or surgical notes or treatment. The definition was expressly directed to the identifiability of the patient from the records.

Often records of admission and discharge from a hospital or clinic would reveal the aspect of health for which a person was a patient, for example, mental or maternity hospital, venereal disease clinic or accident and emergency department.

Records relating to admission or discharge of a patient from hospital or clinic existed solely because he was a patient.

That applied equally to the secondary records in this case of authorised discharge or leaves of the patient sent to the Department of Social Security which were abstracted from the primary records.

He was a patient because he was suffering or was suspected to be suffering physical or mental illhealth. He was discharged either permanently or temporarily because either he had recovered his health or temporary discharge was therapeutic or nothing more could be done to help him.

In his Lordship's judgment, the records of discharge sought, and the same would apply to unauthorised absences, concerned an identifiable patient, in his capacity of being a patient and were related to his mental health and were therefore "excluded material" as defined by section 11 of the 1984 Act.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Welsh Office, Cardiff; Crown Prosecution Service, Cardiff.

Specifying extradition offences

In re Farinha

Section 7(5) of the Extradition Act 1989 required that an authority to proceed issued by the Home Secretary, pursuant to a foreign state's request for the extradition of a person to stand trial in respect of alleged offences committed there, needed only to specify the offences, and not the particular statutory provision creating the offences, under the law of the United Kingdom which in the Home Secretary's view would be constituted by equivalent conduct in the United Kingdom.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Blofeld) so held on April 27 dismissing the application for *habeas corpus ad subjiciendum* of Antonio da Costa Farinha challenging the Government of Norway's request for his surrender to face two charges of allegedly supplying cocaine to another in Oslo in 1990 and 1991.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the Extradition Act 1870 did not require specification of the equivalent offence under United Kingdom law and it would be odd if under the 1989 Act, which was a consolidating Act, a greater degree of specificity was required than under the 1870 Act.

Guidance given in *Government of the United States of America v Bowe* ([1990] 1 AC 500, 527C) applied to the present case; if Parliament had required specificity it would have provided for it in the Act.

Material on costs

Regina v West London Magistrates Court, Ex parte Kyprianou

Where an application for costs was made under section 64 of the Magistrates' Court Act 1980, it was incumbent upon the applicant to put forward and have available at the hearing material on which the court could make an assessment of the grounds on which the costs were incurred.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Potts) so held on April 23 in dismissing an application by Costas Kyprianou for judicial review of the quantum of costs awarded to the applicant by Mr H. Cook, West London Stipendiary Magistrate, against the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea after the withdrawal of a noise reduction notice.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that on the material before the stipendiary magistrate the assessment of the applicant's costs was not *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223).

International Law Report — The Hague

Order against genocide

Case concerning application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia-Herzegovina v Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro))

Before Sir Robert Jennings, President and Vice-President Oda, Judges Ago, Schwebel, Bedjaoui, Ni, Evensen, Tarassov, Guillaume, Shahabuddeen, Aguilar Mawdsley, Weeramantry, Ranjeva, Ajibola

Registrar Mr Valencia-Ospina

[Order April 8]

The government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should immediately take all measures to prevent the commission of genocide; in particular it should ensure that any military, paramilitary or irregular armed units directed or supported by it and any organisations and persons subject to its control, did not commit any acts of genocide against any national, ethical or religious group.

Further, the government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the government of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina should not take any action which might aggravate or extend the existing dispute.

The International Court of Justice so held in issuing provisional measures in response to a suit initiated by Bosnia-Herzegovina on March 20, 1993. The Court found that it had *prima facie jurisdiction to issue its order* under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide concluded by the United Nations in 1948, to which Yugosalvia and Bosnia-Herzegovina were parties.

While the Court acted speedily to issue its provisional measures, its order emphasised that the facts and law of the dispute remained unsettled and a judgment on the merits of the case would only be handed down after the parties had fully argued it.

The Court had power to indicate provisional measures under its statute, pending judgment on the merits of the case. The Court was not able to indicate measures for the protection of any disputed rights which fell outside the scope of the Genocide Convention.

In its judgment, the Court considered Yugoslavia's claim that the legitimacy and mandate of the Government and the President of Bosnia-Herzegovina were disputed and observed that counsel for Bosnia-Herzegovina stated that President Izetbegovic was recognised by the United Nations as the legitimate head of state of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Accordingly, the Court could, for the purposes of the present proceedings on a request for provisional measures, accept the seisin as the act of that State.

The Court did not have to finally satisfy itself that it had jurisdiction on the merits of the case unless the provisions invoked appeared, prima facie, to afford a basis on which the jurisdiction of the Court might be established. That consideration embraced jurisdiction both *ratione personae* and *ratione materiae*.

The question whether or not Yugoslavia was a member of the United Nations and as such a party to the Statute of the Court was one which the Court did not need to determine at the present stage of the proceedings. Proceedings could validly be instituted by a state against a state which was a party to a special provision in a treaty, but not a party to the statute.

A compromissory clause in a multilateral convention, such as article IX of the Genocide Convention, relied on by Bosnia-Herzegovina in the present case could be regarded, *prima facie*, as a "special provision"; and accordingly if Bosnia-Herzegovina and Yugoslavia were both parties to the Genocide Convention, disputes to which article IX applied were in any event within the jurisdiction *ratione personae* of the Court.

Bosnia-Herzegovina claimed to base the Court's jurisdiction *ratione materiae* on article IX of the Genocide Convention. The Court found the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia signed the Genocide Convention on December 11, 1948, and deposited an instrument of ratification on August 29, 1950 and both parties to the present case corresponded to parts of the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Court found, on the basis of a declaration by the present Yugoslavia on April 27, 1992 proclaiming its intention to honour international treaties of the former Yugoslavia and a notice of succession to the Genocide Convention deposited by Bosnia-Herzegovina on December 29, 1992, that article IX of the Genocide Convention appeared to afford a basis on which the jurisdiction of the Court might be founded to the extent that the subject matter of the dispute related to "the interpretation, application or fulfilment" of the Convention, including disputes "relating to the responsibility of a state for genocide or for any of the other acts enumerated in article III" of the Convention.

The Court was unable to regard a letter dated June 8, 1992, addressed to the President of the Arbitration Commission of the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia by the President of Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Serbia, as constituting a *prima facie* basis of jurisdiction and would proceed on the basis that it had *prima facie* jurisdiction, both *ratione personae* and *ratione materiae* under article IX of the Genocide Convention.

Finally, with regard to jurisdiction, the present Yugoslavia objected on the basis that "it would be premature and inappropriate for the Court to indicate provisional measures" while the Security Council was acting in the matter under article 25 and Chapter VII of the Charter. That was primarily addressed to those measures which went beyond matters within the scope of the Genocide Convention and which the Court could not therefore consider.

In any event, the Council had functions of a political nature, whereas the Court exercised purely judicial functions and both organs could therefore perform their separate but complementary functions with respect of the same events.

Bosnia-Herzegovina claimed that acts of genocide had been committed, and would be continued to be committed, against, in particular, the Muslim inhabitants of Bosnia-Herzegovina and that Yugoslavia was committing acts of genocide, both directly and by means of its agents and surrogates, and that there was no reason to believe that Yugoslavia would voluntarily desist from that course of conduct while the case was pending before the Court.

Yugoslavia observed that the situation was not one of aggression by one state against another, but a civil war and that Yugoslavia had not committed any acts of genocide, and at the same time requested the Court to establish the responsibility of the authorities of Bosnia-Herzegovina for acts of genocide against the Serb people in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In the view of the Court, whether or not any acts of genocide had been committed in the past, Yugoslavia and Bosnia-Herzegovina were under a clear obligation to do all in their power to prevent the commission of any such acts in the future.

The Court could not make definitive findings of fact or of imputability in the context of the present proceedings on a request for provisional measures but had to determine whether the circumstances required the indication of provisional measures to be taken by the parties for the protection of rights under the Genocide Convention.

Taking into account the obligation imposed by article 1 of the Genocide Convention, the Court was satisfied that the indication of measures was required for the protection of such rights.

From the information available to it, the Court was satisfied that there was a grave risk of action being taken which might aggravate the existing dispute or render it more difficult of solution.

Furthermore, the Court re-echoed the words of the General Assembly in 1951 that genocide "shocks the conscience of mankind, results in great losses to humanity ... and is contrary to moral law and to the spirit and aims of the United Nations".

Finally, the decision in the present proceedings in no way prejudiced the question of the jurisdiction of the Court to deal with the merits of the case or any questions relating to the merits themselves, and left unaffected the right of the governments of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Yugoslavia to submit arguments in respect of such jurisdiction or such merits.

Thus the International Court of Justice found:

A(1) Unanimously, that the government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should immediately, in pursuance of its undertaking in the Genocide Convention take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of the crime of genocide;

(2) By 13 votes to 1 (Judge Tarassov dissenting), that the government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should in particular ensure that any military, paramilitary or irregular armed units which might be directed or supported by it, as well as any organisations and persons which might be subject to its control, direction or influence, did not commit any acts of genocide, of conspiracy to commit genocide, of direct and public incitement to commit genocide, or of complicity in genocide, whether directed against the Muslim population of Bosnia-Herzegovina or against any other national, ethical, racial or religious group;

B Unanimously, that the government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the government of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina should not take any action and should ensure that no action was taken which might aggravate or extend the existing dispute over the prevention or punishment of the crime of genocide, or render it more difficult of solution.

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Domestic gloom stirs the Bundesbank

Rate cuts mark a sea change in the bank's approach to Germany's policy-balancing act. Janet Bush reports

Steel and engineering workers in the east of Germany go on strike today for a 26 per cent pay increase in spite of mass unemployment. There are press reports every week of neo-nazi gangs bullying immigrants from the countries of Eastern Europe. Earnest Western environmentalists contemplate acres of dead, red forests in the East, destroyed by 40 years of pollution during the communist period.

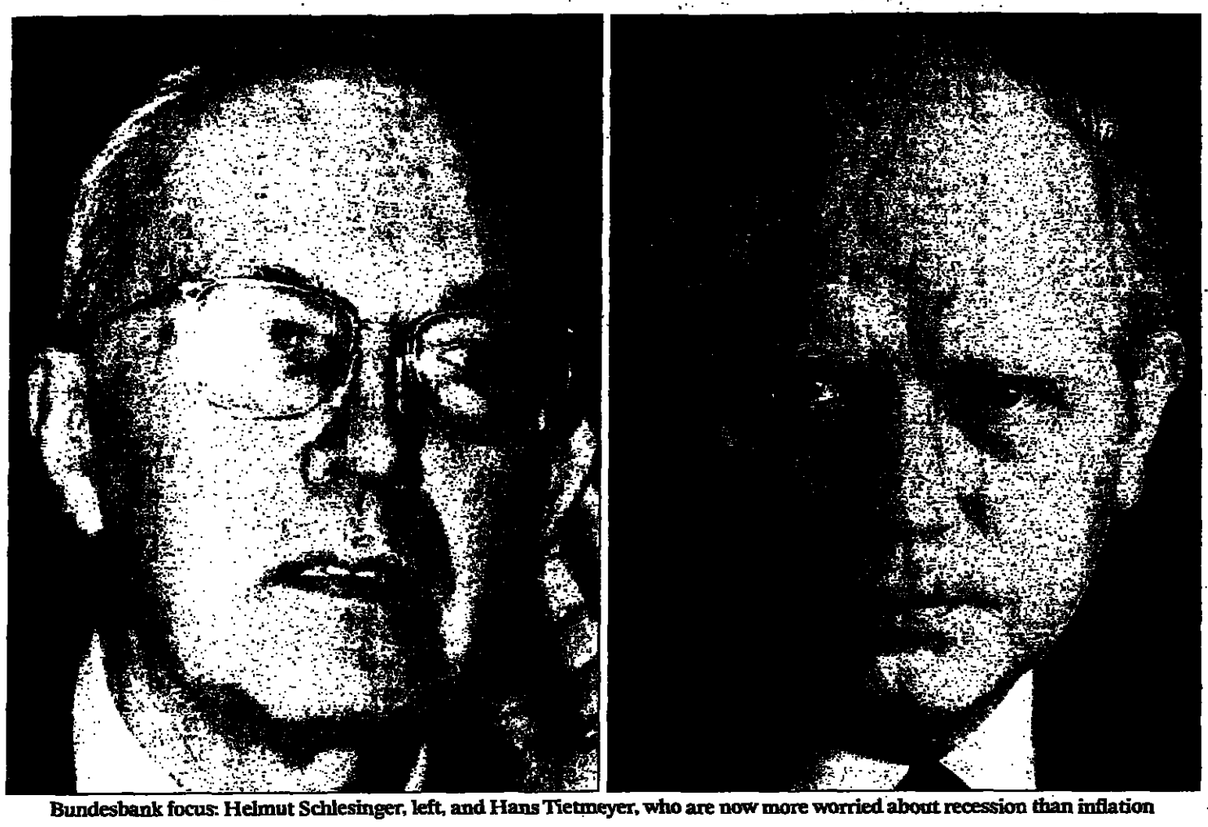
The Bonn government is desperately seeking ways to cut the soaring budget deficit, even examining Germany's famously generous social safety net. The Western economy, which two years ago Germans were confident could swiftly propel the East into prosperity, is in deep recession. At the same time, inflation remains — for German tastes — unacceptably high. And, through all this unaccustomed discomfort, the Bundesbank — defender of price stability, steadfast rock for those who are still taught in school about the hyper-inflation of the 1930s — continues to ply its traditional, cautious course through the maelstrom.

Outside Germany, the Bundesbank has often been portrayed as a monstrous villain, which has dragged down the rest of Europe, reserving special humiliation for Italy, Britain, Spain and the Irish Republic, because of its rigid pursuit of its domestic agenda.

At the meetings last week of the International Monetary Fund and the Group of Seven industrialised nations, the role of the Bundesbank was never far from the heart of the discussion about how to drag up the stagnant economies of the European Community, expected by the IMF to put in almost non-existent growth of 0.1 per cent this year.

Although Germany drew the fire of its potential critics by cutting official interest rates for the second time this year just before the meetings, the pace at which the Bundesbank is prepared to ease policy, and so alleviate the monetary squeeze on the rest of Europe, remains a hot topic.

Such concerns are rapidly being answered but not because the Bundesbank has discovered a new sensitivity to the pain suffered by Germany's economic partners or the woeful state of world growth. If there has been movement among the men of the grey, granite slab in Frankfurt, it is primarily for domestic rather than international reasons.



Bundesbank focus: Helmut Schlesinger, left, and Hans Tietmeyer, who are now more worried about recession than inflation

The cut in the Bundesbank's key repurchase rate from 8.09 per cent to 7.75 per cent last week, far larger than previous reductions, probably marks a sea change in the bank's approach to Germany's policy-balancing act. It is clear that even diehard conservatives in the bank's central directorate in Frankfurt are now more worried about recession than growth.

The signs of distress are accumulating. Germany's economic minister recently spoke of the possibility of a 2 per cent drop in the economy this year. Engineering orders in the West fell 12 per cent in the year to March and domestic orders were down 19 per cent. At the same time, German inflation is still running at well above 4 per cent compared with the Bundesbank's long-nurtured target of 2 per cent or below.

Most remarkably, Helmut Schlesinger, the rather forbidding and conscientious academic who is president until he retires in September (not a little irritated last autumn when he and his wife were hounded by xenophobic British tabloid reporters for their supposed guilt in the demise of sterling), has seemed to change his view. Making further interest rate cuts contingent on cutting the budget deficit appears to have gone out of the window.

Joachim Fels, an economist with Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt, said: "The remarkable thing is that, only days ago, Herr Schlesinger was talking about the current recession as a 'dip'. Now he is talking in terms of a vicious cyclical downturn in Western Germany."

The mood somersaulted within days. On April 15, Herr Schlesinger was telling an audience at Harvard University that interest rates were already extremely low in historical terms and that the Bundesbank had every reason to tread cautiously. On April 22, he presided over another reduction in official rates, which even the rate-cut hungry financial markets had not expected.

Behind the about-face is fierce debate within the Bundesbank's policy-making council. Bundesbank watchers think that six out of eight regional bank heads are sufficiently worried about the economy to recommend swifter rate cuts, and that there is a split between the seven men on the central directorate. Of them, Hans Tietmeyer, now deputy president and tipped to take over from Herr Schlesinger, is thought to advocate easier policy.

He is just one powerful voice changing the tone of the council. Long an effective operator in government in Bonn, he is regarded as more sensitive to international opinion than some of his colleagues. A likely ally is Horst Schulmann of Hesse, chosen as the German negotiator when the exchange-rate mechanism was set up and, like Herr Tietmeyer, well connected abroad. A ruder shock to Bundesbank conservatives is Professor Olaf Sievert, Bundesbank head in the state of Saxony and Thuringia, who has been fiercely outspoken on the need for easier policy to help reconstruct the East, at the very heart both of Germany's economic crisis and its mission.

Voices such as these, according to Herr Fels, have probably helped to convert those council members who had underestimated the seriousness of the economic downturn and who now believe that inflation will be brought down later this year.

Confirmation of this shift came with last week's cut in French interest rates, the fourth in a month without undermining the French franc's position against the mark. At the same time, yields on ten-year German bonds have risen sharply over the past week, albeit as part of a generalised correction in European bond markets. Nick Tranter, of Credit Lyonnais Securities, believes that the spread between French and German interest rates will continue to narrow and that it is even conceivable, although not in the short term, that German rates could, for the first time in his experience, carry a risk premium over French rates.

The position of the mark and German long bond yields are now the prime indicators for the Bundesbank along with M3 money supply. Herr Schlesinger's comment last week that the bank would now see how low interest rates could be allowed to go did not constitute, for him, an extraordinary rush of blood to the head or the beginnings of a British-style "dash for growth". He was, in fact, referring to stability in the currency and the German bond market. A nasty chain reaction could be set off if markets start worrying about the Bundesbank's strategy.

Allan Saunderson, author of *The Old Continent*, a Frankfurt-based newsletter that analyses the Bundesbank, believes the bank is closely monitoring international confidence in the mark. "They are worried it is on a knife-edge and the last thing they want is a weak currency which would create import price inflation."

Any hint of the Bundesbank compromising on inflation would lead inexorably to rising long bond yields. Germany cannot afford this because 80 per cent of corporate loans and mortgage lending are tied to long yields and economic activity would be depressed. Not only that, financing the deficit would become that much more expensive.

Although the Bundesbank's recent actions and rhetoric have become more accommodating, it is probably wrong to assume that interest rates will now be cut rapidly and aggressively. With bond yields and the currency just as tough a judge as M3 money supply, the route to lower rates is likely to remain slow, if not as slow as many thought earlier this year.

Would the Bundesbank allow a little bit more inflation to get more growth? To Hermann Remsperger, chief economist at BHF Bank, that is a very British question. He said: "The Bundesbank would never take that risk. If there is any danger to the mark within the ERM, interest rate cuts would stop. Maintaining the external value of the mark is still the overriding rule."

It remains to be seen whether the shock of unification will overturn that German certainty too.

Water firms to canvass customers over plans

By Graham Searjeant

MILLIONS of householders will be canvassed over the next few weeks by water companies with plans that will be critical to water prices and the financial settlement the companies make with Ofwat, the industry's financial regulator and consumer watchdog.

The plans, which must be submitted to Ofwat, with results of the consultation, have been drawn up after surveys of customers required by Ian Byatt, director-general of water services, partly because he wished to mobilise users against ambitious schemes for further refinement in water and effluent standards that might lead to big rises in bills.

Most of the surveys seem to have confirmed that customers are cost-conscious. Bristol Water, one of the larger water-only suppliers, found support for the most modest of three cost options. This would continue steady progress on water quality, particularly taste and the replacement of lead pipes, but not raise target standards.

Severn Trent, one of the largest privatised water groups, found customers more willing to fund improvements in water quality, and also in reducing leaks from pipes, than for higher standards of sewage effluent imposed by the European Community.

Customer surveys do not support the regulator on all points, however. Bristol found that householders do not want water meters, in spite of their use being favoured by Ofwat. In results typical of consultations by members of the 20-strong Water Companies Association, customers thought metering would make water more expensive, although fairer in theory.

The customer-based plans are part of Mr Byatt's review of investment, required service and financial returns, which will lead to new individual price limits being set for all licensed suppliers from 1995.

There has been some tension between Ofwat and quality regulators over the standards that government should set.

Wankie Colliery Company Limited

(Incorporated in Zimbabwe)

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 1993

The audited results for the year ended 28th February 1993 with comparative figures for the previous year are as follows:

	1993	1992
SALES		
Coal tonnes	4,362,334	4,847,880
Coke tonnes	185,195	153,459
Tar tonnes	9,568	21,859
Benzole - litres	493,725	1,529,450
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	$000's	$000's
Sales Value (F.O.R.)	284,112	210,252
Profit before interest	73,852	31,306
Net interest	21,874	8,879
Profit after interest	51,978	22,427
Retained profit brought forward	236	416
	52,214	22,843
Appropriations:		
To Capital Reserve	12,995	5,607
To General Reserve	36,000	17,000
	48,995	22,607
	3,219	236
Dividend	2,393	—
Retained profit carried forward	826	236
	Cents	Cents
Earnings per share	109	47
Dividend per ordinary share	5	—
SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET	$000's	$000's
Capital employed:		
Share capital	42,223	42,223
Reserves and retained profits	445,908	296,315
Shareholders Equity	488,123	438,538
Long and medium term loans	44,514	31,811
	532,637	470,349
Represented by:		
Fixed assets and investments	494,702	451,109
Current assets	186,970	138,529
Current liabilities	149,035	119,289
Net current assets	37,935	19,240
	532,637	470,349

EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit of $51,978,000 (1992 - $22,427,000) and the weighted average of 47,852,677 shares (1992 - 47,852,677) in issue during the year. For purposes of calculating the number of shares effect has been given to the special rights attached to the "A" ordinary shares.

TAXATION

No income tax is payable as the company has an excessible loss.

DIVIDENDS

The directors are pleased to announce the declaration of a dividend of 5 cents per share which will be payable to shareholders on or about 15 June 1993.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The annual report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 1993, will be posted to members on or about 21 June 1993 and the annual general meeting will be held on 16 July 1993.

DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDENDS NOS. 125 AND 10

Notice is hereby given that final dividends numbered 125 of 5 cents per share, payable on the ordinary shares, and 10 of 6,67 cents per share, payable on the "A" ordinary shares be and are hereby declared in respect of the year ended 28 February 1993. The dividends will be paid to shareholders registered at the close of business on 28 May 1993. The transfer books and register of members will be closed from 29 May 1993 to 5 June 1993, both dates inclusive, and dividend warrants will be posted to members on or about 15 June 1993. The dividends payable to non resident shareholders will be paid in accordance with Exchange Control Regulations. Shareholders' tax of 20% will be deducted where applicable.

By order of the board
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30 April 1993

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The year ended 28 February, 1993 was the most difficult in the recent history of the company as we had to overcome several major adverse factors which have impinged on economic activity. Amongst the major factors were the very tight monetary policies adopted by Government, which have resulted in high interest rates, inflation which rose to unprecedented levels, the difficulty of borrowing on the money market and the continued depreciation of the Zimbabwe dollar. In addition, the nationwide drought and the world recession have all impacted negatively on the economy and on the company's business operations.

The continued depreciation of the Zimbabwe dollar resulted in increased foreign loan repayments and the cost of imported equipment and spares. The bulk of the mining equipment used by the company is imported. The costs of locally purchased spares increased considerably with the decontrolling of prices resulting from the economic structural adjustment programme. The situation was further aggravated by the inability of major consumers of coal to pay their debts timeously. As a result the company was forced to borrow from a tight money market.

The company experienced a considerable reduction in the demand for its products. The severe drought caused reduced coal sales to the agricultural sector in particular to the farmers' sugar estates and the tobacco farmers. In addition, industry as a whole, which is also experiencing economic hardships, cut back on coal consumption. The tight money situation saw many companies running down their existing stocks and only ordering coal on an ex-coal when required basis. Coal merchants too had to reduce their stock levels.

On the coke export market, the unstable political situation in Zaire resulted in a reduction in coke sales from 7,000 to 1,000 tonnes per month. In some months no orders were received at all. Local demand for coke dropped considerably as major customers reduced production or shut down operations temporarily due to the recession.

Consequently the company responded by cutting back production from No. 3 Colliery from a budgeted 90,000 tonnes to 15,000 tonnes per month.

As a large proportion of the company's costs are fixed, the reduction in sales volumes had a significant impact on the company's profitability and cash flow. The price increases of 45% awarded on WCC coal and coke on 1 March, 1992 and 45% on WPS coal effective from 1 July, 1992 were not sufficient. This necessitated applying for a further price increase. A 27% increase was granted on coal and coke with effect from 1 September, 1992.

In response to the cash flow problems arising from increased costs and declining sales, extensive cost control measures were implemented. The company unfortunately had to retrench 273 employees in April, 1992. Other measures included a ban on scheduled overtime, introduction of a shorter working week, reduction of staff salaries by 7% and the freezing of non-committed capital expenditure. At this point I wish to compliment management and staff for their complete cooperation and especially for agreeing to the temporary 7% reduction in salaries and wages.

Despite the overall effect of the problems I have outlined above there was a significant improvement in the financial performance of the company. Turnover in value terms increased by $73,860,000 or 35% while profit after tax increased by $29,551,000 or 132%. The major reasons for the improvement in profitability were the additional price increases awarded in September, 1992 and the success of the company's continuity measures. The company was therefore able to declare a dividend of 5 cents per share and necessary arrangements have been made to pay the dividend.

The following summarises the position with regard to the company's long term loans:

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Loans at 28 February 1992		52,187,000
Deduct repayments		20,376,000
		31,811,000
Add Supplementary Stopping Project loans	33,494,000	
Unrealised exchange losses on loans outstanding at 28 February 1993	318,000	
		33,812,000
Loans at 28 February 1993		65,623,000

During the year the company raised $82,304,000 (US$10,000,000) from the International Finance Corporation and $49,706,000 (US$7,100,000) from the First National Bank of Chicago to finance the purchase of equipment for Phase 2 of the Supplementary Stopping project. This project, which will be commissioned soon, will secure the continued supply of coal to our customers. Significant progress has been made on the Gaskor Project and we hope to finalise the agreements during the current financial year. This is a major project of national importance the cost of which is estimated at $350,000,000. Adequate guarantees by ZESA and Government will ensure that repayments of loans and interest will be met on due dates and the project will not negatively impact on the company's cash flow.

The prevailing uncertain business environment makes it difficult to provide a meaningful forecast of the company's results for the year ending 28 February, 1994. However the onset of good rains over most parts of the country has resulted in an improvement in the demand for coal by the agricultural sector. The company is also actively involved in promoting sales of coal and coke on the export market.

On 3 March 1993, Government approved pricing of coal and coke products on a cost plus margin basis. This is a major breakthrough for the company which previously received a blanket price increase for all of its products. The price increases awarded for the various products ranged from 25% to 80%. This will go a long way towards improving the company's profitability and cashflow.

In the absence of unforseen circumstances, I am confident that the company will be in a position to declare an interim dividend of 5 cents and a final of 5 cents per share in respect of financial year ending 28 February 1994.

The board is currently investigating the restructuring of the share capital and finances in order that the permanent capital is more in keeping with the assets employed in the company.

Our staff have had a difficult year, not only adjusting to the changes brought about by market demands, but also in coping with the drought and the reduction in personal spending power. The harmonious relationships that exist at the colliery are a tribute to the high level of effective communication between management, staff and workers at all levels. It is also an indication that problems are being dealt with and resolved in a mature and constructive manner.

On behalf of the board, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr F.M. Nehwati who joined the board on 1 September 1992, and wish him a long and happy association with the company.

Once again I thank the company's employees, management and my fellow directors for their dedication and continued hard work during a very difficult year.

H. KOLONGA
CHAIRMAN
HARARE

30 April 1993

Hollywood takes exception to French block on the box

Tom Walker reports from Brussels on a new skirmish in the trade war

MOVIES and television programmes are America's second largest export to the European Community — $800 million per year — and it is all one-way traffic. Yet for all its dominance of the sector, Hollywood has seen red at an EC directive, drafted at French behest, that limits the amount of American TV to be broadcast in Europe.

No other sector of the trade war arouses such passions on both sides of the Atlantic. European directors such as Bertrand Tavernier, who lobbied the EC on the subject, see themselves faced by a tidal wave of American culture they are impotent, without political intervention, to stop. For the US industry it is rather different, as Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Export Association of America, a former special adviser to President Lyndon Johnson, is ready to explain. He wants a meeting with Sir Leon Brittan on the subject, and hopes to lure the trade commissioner to Cannes for talks.

Cynical trade lawyers in Brussels accuse the sprightly 71-year-old of "megaphone diplomacy," but when he unexpectedly rings up to put his case he is all calm and reason. "I think the people of Europe, who have the right to choose their own leaders, should have the right to choose their own television," he says. "The audience is king. I want more competition in the market place, less man-made barriers. Let the market forces collide and something better will come out of it."

For the French government, market forces have been a troublesome experiment. In deregulating the domestic TV industry, the former socialist government found US programmes and soft pornography inundating private channels like La Cinq, and grabbed at the commission's handy "television without frontiers" directive to stop the rot. Such regulatory dabbling has subsequently contributed to the death of such channels.

The directive, adopted in 1989, stipulates that "a majority of programmes, whenever practicable, must be of EC origin". The French government subsequently took the directive further, and stipulated that French channels must use at least 40 per cent French programming, 20 per cent European and the rest American or elsewhere. The quotas do not apply to news, sport or gameshows.



Culture clash: *Twin Peaks*, a successful US export

Washington is so incensed that the French government can hide behind a quotas clause in an EC directive that it has taken the issue to Gatt in Geneva to be sorted out; the EC refuses to participate fully in the talks, arguing that culture is not a part of Gatt. In an article in *Le Monde*, Mr Valenti said America would never sign up to an overall Gatt accord that makes such an exception. "As if he speaks in the name of the American government," the French industry retorted.

The Americans talk about films as commercial ventures, pure and simple, that they are good at making. But what emerges in talking to both sides is a cultural gulf; the European notion of the necessity of some form of cultural protectionism, against the profound American belief in the customer knowing best.

Some private French channels may have come near to using 50 per cent American programmes, but the majority of EC television stations get nowhere near that amount. "It's just not something we are that concerned with," says Helen Cleary, of the BBC press office. The BBC uses about 14 per cent American programming, and even manages to export a little to the US. Ian Duncan, at BBC Enterprises, says that of the £42.4 million the corporation earns in exports, about 25 per cent goes to the US.

Sarah Frank, the president of BBC Lionheart, the corporation's US exports unit based in New York, does not take issue with the Americans. "There are no quotas here," she says. "It's a market-led system, and we put about 500 programme hours a year into it. What plays is bought. If it's not mainstream enough, it doesn't get on the networks. It's a system I believe in."

Bert Cohen, chief operating officer of World Vision in New York, says the quota clause in the directive should be expunged, but he sees no point in retaliation. World Vision is the largest independent television distribution company in America, exporting shows like *Dallas*, *Little House on the Prairie* and *Twin Peaks* to Europe. "Escalation doesn't prove a point. But at the end of the day if a viewer doesn't get the chance to see *Twin Peaks* because it takes the programmer up to 52 per cent, then the viewer loses."

Statistics from the European Broadcasters' Union in Geneva show that the highest percentage registered of US television by any EC public broadcaster in 1991 was 27.4 percent, by RTE, the Irish channel. And meanwhile, the market share of all the big US players in Europe, Warner Brothers, Paramount, World Vision and others, is at least stable, if not rising.

But Mr Cohen talks about principles, not statistics. "It's the issue of quotas for quotas' sake. You start at 50 percent, next year it becomes 75 percent and before you know where you are it's 100 per cent. It's a restrictive and totally unfair way of doing business."

But, at least according to France, it is one that will remain. "There's no way we're getting rid of quotas," says a French government spokesman in Brussels. "It's for our own channels. We all know the BBC is the best television in the world, but we've got to try and preserve some sort of cultural balance."

But Mr Valenti is determined. He has already lectured Norman Lamont on tax breaks for the British cinema industry and isn't scared of battling it out on the European stage. "I'll meet Sir Leon anywhere," he says. "He's a very reasonable man who will see both sides of the equation."

Mr Cohen, meanwhile, says Europe should just accept that it's good at some things, but mass film production is not one of them. "Hollywood is magic," he declares. "No one has ever figured out how to duplicate it."

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7.00 News, regional news and weather (6856845) *7.10* **Cuckoolina** (r) (5665512) **7.35 Little Duck Blue Feather** (r) (9183661)
8.00 News, regional news and weather (2708777) **8.10 Timeless Tales.** The story of *Thumbelina* (r) (1658512) **8.35 Favourite Songs.** Animated version of "Frère Jacques" (s) (6171338)
9.00 News, regional news and weather (9473796) **9.05 Defenders of the Earth** (r) (7534951) **9.25 Activ-8.** Children's activity magazine (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9618883) **10.05 Playdays** *(r) (s) (4697628)* **10.30 Rugrats** (s) (23390)
11.00 Film: Sinbad the Sailor (1947) starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr and Maureen O'Hara. Swashbuckling adventure in which the legendary seaman goes in search of the treasure of Alexander the Great. Directed by Richard Wallace (30693609) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (18572425)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (75299970)
1.15 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (62581574) **1.40 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (25278951) **2.10 Cartoon** (15345970)
2.15 Film: Gone With the Wind (1939). See Choice (54470796)
5.45 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (652947)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (887222)
6.25 Regional News Magazines (789241)
6.30 The Children's Royal Variety Performance 1993, introduced by Andi Peters. In the presence of Princess Margaret, in aid of the NSPCC, the lively show follows the adventures of Billy Jones, the younger brother of Indiana, on a mission to recover a rare ruby stolen from the British Museum. With, among others, Take That, Phillip Schofield, Bobby Davro, Rolf Harris, Little and Large, Billy Pearce and Sonia. In addition, the Royal Ballet performs highlights from *The Tales of Beatrix Potter* (40609)

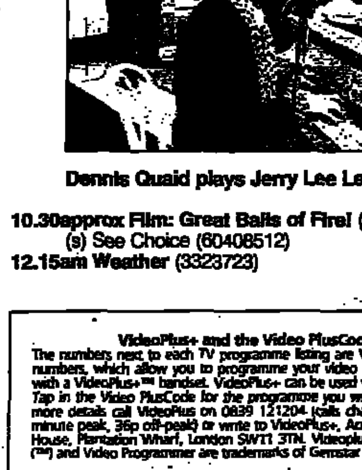


Lost and found: Hawn and Russell (8.30pm)

8.30 Film: Overboard (1987) starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell. A romantic comedy about a spoilt heiress who falls off her yacht, suffers amnesia and is "claimed" by a quick-thinking carpenter who has suffered from her in the past and persuades her that he is her husband. He takes her back to his ramshackle home where he puts her through her domestic paces, looking after his four wild sons and his dog. Just as they are about to fall for each other, her real husband arrives on the scene. Directed by Garry Marshall. (Ceefax) (54066680)
10.15 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (996970)
10.35 Barry Manilow — The Best of Me. The American singer recorded in concert at Wembley before an audience of 8,000 adoring fans (s) (852715). Northern Ireland: The Corner House 11.05 McArthur's Marathon
11.35 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Groundhog Day* and *Trespass*. There is also a location report from Ken Loach's new film *Raining Stones*, about a young north of England couple on the dole (s) (637116)
12.05am Germany Means Business. A documentary following the launch of a revolutionary new product by a small family-run machine-tool factory based on the fringes of the Black Forest (r) (8146907)
12.35 Weather (3945297)

BBC2

7.10 Open University: *Physical Chemistry — Reaction Mechanisms* (9858338) **7.35** IT for You
8.00 News (2715087)
8.05 Westminster. A round-up of Friday's business in both Houses (6470932)
8.20 **The Wooldridge View: Pheidippides and the Flying Doctor.** Ian Wooldridge with the story of Bill Haines, a fire insurance engineer from Yorkshire, who is obsessed with retracing the steps of Pheidippides, the Greek messenger who ran 26 miles from *Marathon* to *Athens* with the announcement of the rout of the Persian army and promptly dropped dead after delivering his message. Plus, the doctor taking part in a hot-air balloon race from the top of Ben Nevis to the nearest pub (r) *(4499319)*
9.10 Praise Be! Thora Hird introduces a selection of favourite hymns and meets fitness expert Rosemary Conley (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6789609)
9.45 Regional Westminster Programmes (r) (116574). Northern Ireland: Gardens By Design
10.15 Making of a Legend: Gone with the Wind. Christopher Plummer narrates the story behind the making of the film *Gone with the Wind* which is being shown on BBC1 today at 2.15. The programme includes rare archive footage of the screen tests to find Scarlett O'Hara (91777777)
12.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird. Animation, with the voice of Dennis Waterman (r) (s) (8370609) **12.30 Spider.** Animation about a small boy's adventures with a *mishievous spider (r) (s) (21279319)*
12.35 Racing From Haydock Park. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the Dean Moor Long-Distance Hurdle (12.50), the Nell Nook 4-year-old Handicap Hurdle (1.25) and the Swinton Handicap Hurdle (2.00). Plus a look at the jumping highlights of the 1992-93 season (s) (60733154)
2.15 World Snooker. The third session of the final of the Embassy world professional championship, covering frames 17 to 24 (s) (52762067)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Classic American comedy series about a ghoulish family (r). (Ceefax) (427864)
6.25 DEF II begins with **The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.** Comedy series (s) (512406) **6.50 Standing Room Only.** Includes a guide to travelling to the World Cup (s) *(775048)*
7.20 World Snooker. The closing frames of the final (78057338)
10.00approx Match of the Day. Highlights of the crucial Premier League games between Manchester *United and Blackburn and Aston Villa v Oldham* (46241)



Dennis Quaid plays Jerry Lee Lewis (10.30pm)

10.30approx Film: Great Balls of Fire! (1989). (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (60408512)
12.15am Weather (3323723)

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CHOICE



Return to Tara: Gable and Leigh (BBC1, 2.15pm)

Gone with the Wind
BBC1, 2.15pm

This vast Civil war love story proves engrossing even third or fourth time around. Vivien Leigh was a true find in the role of the arrogant Southern belle, Scarlett O'Hara, and Clark Gable, pinched from MGM, was more than a match for her as the roguish Rhett Butler. The whole endeavour was something of a calculated success with producer David O. Selznick whipping up publicity from the moment he secured the rights to Margaret Mitchell's novel; the far and wide search for Scarlett was a masterly stroke. Happily the multi-Oscar-winning final result, immaculately directed by Victor Fleming, was worth the hype.

Naked Sport: Fields of Blood
Channel 4, 9.00pm

This stylish documentary looks at the mystique of American football and Tom Landry in particular. Landry was head coach of the Dallas Cowboys for 29 years and with his square jaw, strident Christianity and natty hat, captured the imaginations of Texans everywhere. He was a god, but when the Cowboys started losing he was kicked out all the same. In his place came Jimmy Johnson, a buddy of the Cowboys' new owner, Jerry Jones. Johnson's task was to bring the Cowboys back from the brink and, despite the weight of public opinion against him, he managed to do just that. There's a satirical edge to the programme but the beautiful camerawork tends to work against it, emphasising the compelling romance of the game.

Great Balls of Fire
BBC2, 10.30pm

This flawed but often electrifying biopic of Jerry Lee Lewis receives its network television premiere tonight. Director Jim McBride, who used Dennis Quaid for his earlier hit, *The Big Easy*, realised that Quaid was one of the few stars who could handle a part as demanding as that of the flamboyant 1950s rock 'n' roller. Flinging his head back, punishing the piano keys, Quaid lights up the screen, making the back stage scenes appear tame by comparison. While not a film of any depth, the music is tremendous (Lewis's own voice, Quaid's piano playing), and there is a nice bonus in Winona Ryder's touching portrayal of Lewis's adoring 13-year-old cousin, whom he marries.

Channels of Resistance
Channel 4, 10.55pm

On the "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" principle, Australian aborigines are seeking to become part of a medium which has consistently misrepresented them. *Satellite Dreaming*, the first half of this documentary on world television, looks at the limited range of aboriginal programming so far. Imparja TV, set up to guarantee satellite access for Aboriginal groups, has found that Aborigine programming is expensive to make because it doesn't attract much advertising. Meanwhile in remote desert areas, aborigines have had some success making their own local programmes, but the advent of satellite broadcasting is a mixed blessing. As one Aborigine puts it: "if our children watch too much television they will get white people's heads." The second part of the show looks at similar dilemmas faced by the Inuit people in Arctic communities.
Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

6.00 **GMTV** *(6423628)* **9.25 Lucky Ladders.** Word game show (s) (1055845)
9.55 Cartoon. Daffy Duck in *Aqua Duck* (4673048)
10.00 Film: Black Beauty (1971) starring Mark Lester and Walter Slezak. Adventure, based on the children's novel by Anna Sewell, about a luckless horse who is sold on to different owners of varying degrees of kindness before being reunited with his original young master. Directed by James Hill (69680)
12.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (49338)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (10714357)
12.40 Bigfoot: King of the Monster Trucks The TNT Monster Truck Challenge from Roanoke, Virginia (r) (5531390)

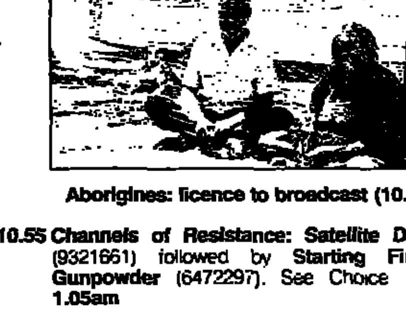


Off with her head: Michell, Rampling (1.45pm)

1.45 Film: Henry VIII and His Six Wives (1972) starring Keith Michell, Donald Pleasence and Charlotte Rampling. Historical drama in which Keith Michell recreates the role he played in the BBC television series. As he lies dying, Henry VIII reflects on his life and many loves. Waris Hussein directs (77007970)
4.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (48)
4.30 Film: Live and Let Die (1973) starring Roger Moore in his debut as James Bond. 007 investigates the deaths of three fellow agents and unearths a reclusive drugs dealer determined to undermine the American economy. Directed by Guy Hamilton. (Teletext) (4619661). Continues after the news
5.15 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (5034999) **5.25 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (8751338)
5.30 Film: Live and Let Die continued (43845)
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Jobs and travel quiz, this week between a team of pub landladies and one of Royal Navy pilots. (Teletext) (2951)
7.30 ***Coronation Street.*** *(Teletext) (61)*
8.00 Cluedo: The Word, the Flesh and the Devil. Another chance for viewers to test their sleuthing skills as crime writer Candice Costello reluctantly goes the way of all flesh (8999)
8.30 Mr Bean Goes To Town starring Rowan Atkinson (r) (7406)
9.00 Jilly Cooper's Riders. The conclusion of the adaptation of Jilly Cooper's novel about sex and intrigue in the showjumping world, starring Marcus Gilbert and Michael Praed. (Teletext) (s) (1357)
11.00 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (581203) **11.20 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (216512)
11.30 Magnum. Tom Selleck stars as the sun-kissed playboy private detective protecting a priceless Chinese urn that is being hunted by both communist and nationalist agents (232222)
12.25am The Beat. Music and movie magazine presented by Gary Crowley (s) (7113907)
1.25 Sport AM. Featuring golf from Cannes, British hockey and European football (6070926)
2.25 The Twilight Zone: A Matter of Minutes. A tale of the supernatural (9579365)
2.40 60 Minutes. American news magazine (6875689)
3.30 Videofashion (44984)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (r) (s) (20297) **4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema** (r) (11100)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (57758)
5.30 ITN Morning News (82839). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 ***I Love Lucy*** *(b/w).* Classic American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (88067)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules Cat and dog cartoon series (8797932)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (43593)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (27116)
9.30 Film: The Blue Peter (1954) starring Kieron Moore and Greta Gynt. Children's comedy drama about a Korean war-shattered veteran who regains his self-confidence while working as a teacher at a sea school in Wales. Directed by Wolf Rilla (10108715)
11.10 The Memphis Belle. A second world war documentary, made in 1944, about the Flying Fortress's 25th and final mission over Germany, the inspiration for David Puttnam's 1990 film of the same name (9265628)
11.55 Borderline 1 and 2. Animation made by Monique Renault (8097154)
12.00 Right To Reply. A repeat of Saturday's programme which included Peter Ansorge, Channel 4's deputy head of drama, answering critics of the *Brookside* episode depicting domestic violence. (Teletext) (s) (30680)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (r) (60488) **1.30 Chicken Minute** Children's puppet series (r) (s) (57845)
2.00 Grow Your Greens. Sophie Grigson learns the secret of growing asparagus, globe artichokes and cardoons (r) (6777)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the "Helping Children Through Sport" Stakes (2.40), the Shield Club Fillies Stakes (3.10), the Sparks Jubilee *Handicap Stakes (3.40) and the Classic Car Maiden* Stakes (4.10). With Graham Goode, John Francome, John Oaksey, John Tyrrel and John McCirrick (62319)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock-out quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart (74)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (9864)
6.00 Children's Ward Drama series set in a large general hospital (r) (67)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (r). (Teletext) (799628)
6.55 News and weather (558593)
7.00 Wet Wet Wet — Live at the Albert Hall. The Scottish group in concert on behalf of the Nordoff Robbins music therapy charity (9574)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (9241)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. Operating theatre comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as a surgeon with a tongue as *sharp as a scalpel (r). (Teletext) (5048)*
9.00 Naked Sport: Fields of Blood. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (8086)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Off-beat comedy about a New York doctor practising in the wilds of Alaska. Starring Rob Morrow and Janine Turner (s) (586135)



Aborigines: licence to broadcast (10.55pm)

10.55 Channels of Resistance: Satellite Dreaming (9321661) followed by **Starting Fire with Gunpowder** (6472297). See Choice Ends at **1.05am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.45-4.00 Film: The Sons of Katie Elder (7707970) **11.30** Crime Story (232222) **12.25** Film: Sole Survivor (830075) **2.10** Sport AM (3594556) **3.10** The Beat (8499487) **4.20** *Poison* (52196452) **4.30** Riviera (13614278) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2502346)

BORDER
As London except: 11.30 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (232222) **12.25** Film: Sole Survivor (830075) **2.10** Sport AM (3594556) *3.10 The Beat (8499487) 4.20 Poison* (52196452) **4.30** Riviera (13614278) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2502346)

CENTRAL
As London except: 11.25 Crime Story (620338) **12.25** Film: The Detector (560704) **2.15** Musical Routes (22075) **2.45** 60 Minutes (7025902) **3.40** Jobfinder (7022984) **4.50** Karm Bhoomi (13618094) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6992365)

GRANADA
As London except: 11.30 Miller and Mueller (232222) **12.25** Film: Sole Survivor (830075) **2.10** Sport AM (3594556) **3.10** The Beat (8499487) **4.20** Poison (52196452) **4.30** Riviera (13614278) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2502346)

HTV WEST
As London except: 11.25 The Equalizer (620338) **12.25** Film: Sole Survivor (Vince *Edwards, Richard Basehart, William Shatner)* (830075) **2.10** Sport AM (3594556) **3.10** The Beat (8499487) **4.20** Poison (52196452) **4.30** Riviera (13614278) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2502346)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 11.30-12.25am Murder She Wrote (232222) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (57758)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (998241) **12.20** IndyCar 93 (8155655) **12.50** Film: The Probability Factor (Jean-Louis Trintignant, Mirielle Darc) (251839) **2.30** Entertainment UK (33520) **3.30** Wolf (1650100) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7343487)

ULSTER
As London except: 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (620338) **12.25** Film. Sole Survivor (Vince Edwards, Richard Basehart, William Shatner) (830075) **2.10** Sport AM (3594556) **3.10** *The Beat* (8499487) **4.20** Poison (52196452) **4.30** Riviera (13614278) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2502346)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 11.25 Soap (212661) **11.55** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (650067) **12.25** Film Sole Survivor (Vince Edwards, Richard Basehart, William Shatner) (830075) **2.10** Sport AM (3594556) **3.10** The *Beat (8499487)* **4.20** Poison (52196452) **4.30** Riviera (13614278) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2502346)

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S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (43593) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (27116) **9.30** Film. A Tale of Two Cities (79048) **11.30** The Northumberland Castles Challenge (4777) **12.00** Right To Reply (30680) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (58574) **1.00** Little Rosey (46680) **1.30** Blossom *(57845) 2.00 Grow Your Greens (5777)* **2.30** Channel 4 Racing (10834785) **4.25** Slot 23 (7249203) **5.00** Fifteen to One (9947) **5.30** Brookside (54) **6.00** News (881048) **6.15** Traed Moch (248488) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9703) **7.30** Sgorio (16203) **8.30** News (432661) **8.45** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (387135) **9.15** Snwcer (668319) **10.00** Cheers (48609) **10.30** Northern Exposure (825661) **11.25** Snwcer (213425) **11.35** Naked Sport (239135) **12.30** Memento (6745891) **12.55** Dream On (3334839) **1.25** Close

RTE 1
Starts: 12.00 News (87671680) **12.05** Santa Barbara (14957593) **12.30** The Birthday *Show (4276203)* **1.00** News (31562357) **1.05** Cinnlinte Nuachta (54586114) **1.30** Aertel Financial Pages (56737932) **1.35** Treasure Islands (12288406) **2.05** The Love Boat (4601512) **3.00** News (2469661) **3.05** Live At Three (8541048) **4.00** News (38308828) **4.05** Emmerdale (33717999) **4.30** The Saint (8798777) **5.30** A Country Practice (8798154) **6.00** The Angelus (3077796) **6.01** Six-One (4284222) **6.57** Time Out (4092406) **7.00** By the Seat of their Pants (8889628) **8.00** Lovejoy (9865048) **9.00** News (3844999) **9.30** Maigret (4246777) **10.30** Questions and Answers (25066241) *11.35* News (4492116) **11.40** A Prayer at Bedtime (4422357) **11.45** Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30 Children's Programmes **6.25** *Home and Away (89982680)* **6.55** News (52567319) **7.00** Grand Ole Opry Live. Country and western music (11016834) **7.30** Coronation Street (65022845) **8.00** News (57860636) **8.05** Blackboard Jungle (77459864) **8.30** Love at First Sight. Romantic stories from around the world (16066339) **9.00** Cheers (62548319) **9.30** News (48799680) **9.35** Yorkshire Glory (38554883) **10.30** News (94897796) **10.50** Personal Concerns. Four Irish Dramatists (58599154) **11.55** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46689999) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4668406) **9.10** Cartoons (6613951) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (94390) **10.00** Card Sharks (8282241) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7619690) **10.30** Concentration (72680) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (10864) **11.30** Falcon Crest (83338) **12.30pm** E Street (77226) **1.00** Another World (6794357) **1.45** Santa Barbara (386787) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (726628) **3.15** Different Strokes (678770) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (3033816) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1864) **6.00** Games World (1715) **6.30** E Street (2067) **7.00** Rescue (2593) **7.30** Family Ties (1951) **8.00** Princess Daisy: Concluding the two-part mini series (47406) **10.00** Seinfeld (64661) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (11999) **11.30** Night Court *(41661) 12.00 Pages from Skytext*

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (91425) **6.30** News and Business Report (702048) **9.30** Roving *Report (72932)* **10.30** *Memories of 1970-1991* (61338) **11.30** Business Report (74680) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (65154) **1.30** Good Morning America (66883) **2.30** Parliament (83777) **3.30** Parliament (92796) **4.30** News and Business Report (8884) **5.00** Live at Five (88512) **6.30** News and Business Report (91796) **7.30** Special Report (9593) **10.30** Special Report (67311) **11.30** ABC News (72512) **12.30am** Getaway (28365) **1.30** ABC News (80988) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (10278) **3.30** ABC News (15723) **4.30** Special Report (19988) *5.30-6.00 ABC News (20013)*

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5065425)
10.00 Treasure Island (1974): Cartoon adventure (77262)
12.00 Mister Johnson (1991): A black African seeks career advancement (67609)
2.00pm Troll (1986): A girl is possessed by the spirit of a troll (40593)
4.00 Suburban Commando (1991): Hulk Hogan as an alien in suburbia (6796)
6.00 Rock-a-Doodle *(1991): Cartoon/live* action about a rocking rooster (39274999)
7.40 UK Top Ten (322390)
8.00 Doublecrossed (1991): Dennis Hopper plays a drug smuggler (32574)
10.00 Year of the Gun (1991): Reporter Andrew McCarthy investigates terrorists in Rome. With Sharon Stone (818777)
11.55 Meet the Applegates (1990). Comedy about a family of giant Brazilian rainforest bugs posing as humans (460951)
1.25am Whispers (1989): Victoria Tennant is stalked by an occult killer (1385839)
2.55 The Sitter (1991): A babysitter is psychologically disturbed (6823100)
4.25 The Forgotten One (1990). Writer Kristy McNichol is haunted by a murder victim (482639). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Prince and the Showgirl *(1957)*: Ruritanian prince Laurence Olivier falls for showgirl Marilyn Monroe (20777)
8.00 Iron Eagle (1986): Jason Gedrick commandeers an F-16 fighter plane to rescue his father in the Middle East (25222)
10.00 Outland (1981). Sean Connery combats lawlessness on a mining colony in space (388086). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Cast a Long Shadow (1959): Audie Murphy renounces his life of crime (37425)
8.00 The Emperor's New Clothes Fairy-tale adaptation (75628)
10.00 Waiting for the Light (1990): Shirley MacLaine performs a miracle during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis (77244)
12.00 If the Shoe Fits (1990): Jennifer Grey falls in love with Rob Lowe (58951)
2.00pm ***Driving Me Crazy*** *(1991). Public* schoolboy Ethan Randall is driven home by his mother's boyfriend, Ed O'Neill (46135)
4.00 Ghost Dad (1990). Bill Cosby returns from the dead (78086)
5.30 Xposure: Film news (7512)
6.00 Problem Child (1990): Michael Oliver terrorises his adoptive parents (68999)
8.00 Music Box (1989). Jessica Lange defends her father, Armin-Mueller Stahl, who is accused of war crimes (22223406)
10.05 Mortal Thoughts (1991). Demi Moore and Glenne Headly are accused of murdering Bruce Willis *(194609)*
11.50 Fright Night II (1988): Vampire sequel with Roddy McDowall (210405)
1.45am Cold Justice (1990). Dennis Waterman as a Chicago priest (15316723)
4.00 The Lonely Passion of Judith ***Hearne*** (1987): Spinster Maggie Smith finds comfort in the Church and the bottle (320365) Ends at **5.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (90951) **7.00** Basketball (30067) **9.00** Morning Stretch (52715) **9.30** Red Line (14932) **10.30** Tennis: German Open (7525116) **4.00pm** Premier League Football Aston Villa v Oldham Athletic (8690) **6.00** Soccer News (117135) **6.03** Windsurfing (4086) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (5338) **7.00** Football: Manchester *United v Blackburn* Rovers (189048) **10.00** Boots 'n' All (84951) **11.00** Tennis German Open (24999) **1.00-3.00am** Football (as 7pm) (38278)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (48086) **8.00** Tennis (62852) **10.00** Ice Hockey (81715) **12.00** Motorsport (51574) **1.00pm** ATP Tennis: Madrid Open (97864) **3.00** WTA Tennis (57319) **4.00** Judo (69154) **5.00** Motorcycling (5222) **6.00** Eurofun (80086) **7.00** ATP Tennis, Atlanta (49715) **9.00** Boxing (65338) **9.00** Eurogoals (99683) **11.00** Golf (45899) **12.00-12.30am** News (49162)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (35829845) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35857628) **6.30** Jem (1943999) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth *(8279195) 7.30 Neighbours (9724280) 8.00* Sons and Daughters (8490777) **8.30** EastEnders (8499048) **9.00** The Bill (8413628) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (8818661) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (5640898) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6798067) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8493664) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2381593) **1.00** EastEnders (9629636) **1.30** The Bill (2380864) **2.00** George and Mildred (4592777) **2.30** After Henry (4981086) **3.00** Dallas (6792882) **4.00** Dynasty (6771390) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4516557) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4952574) **6.00** Neighbours (4982715) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (8163690) **7.30** George and Mildred (4962951) **8.00** EastEnders (4505241) **8.30** After Henry (4591048) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (4296845) **10.00** The Bill (8494593) **10.30** KYTV (6403241) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (6789319) **11.30** Dr Who (1923135) **12.00** Film: Blood on the Moon (1948 b/w) (8278520) **1.00-2.00am** Videos (9960365)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (21116) **7.00** FatKan II (51262) **9.00** Jack in the Box (93357) **11.00** Stones Without Words (92406) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (93135) **12.00** Secret Valley (22086) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (80226) **2.00** Stones Without Words (7609) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3999) **3.00** Bobobobs (4318777) **3.25** FatKan II (98868845) **5.00** Kalis and Dog (1661) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7715) **6.00** Fame (11970)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Love and Wit in *Twelfth Night*
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air:** Handel (Ombra mai fu, Serse); Ives (Decoration Day, Holidays Symphony); Moeran (Bank Holiday); Haydn (Symphony No 60 in C, Il Distratto)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Claude Debussy. Michael Gorodecki introduces Debussy (La plus que lente: Marguerite Long, piano; Trois ballades de Villon: Paris Orchestra under Daniel Barenboim, with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone); Debussy, orch Koechlin (Khamma: French National Radio Orchestra under Jean Martinon) and Debussy (En blanc et noir: Alfons and Aloys Kontarsky, pianos)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: From the *musical, Hair, which* opened in May 1968, comes the hit song "Aquarius" presented by its composer, Galt MacDermot
10.10 Morning Sequence: Smetana (Vysehrad, Ma vlast); Martinů *(Julietta, Act 2, sc 3); Suk* (String Quartet in B flat, Op 11); Dvořák (Romance in F minor, Op 11); Kubelik (String Quartet No 2); Jánaček (Concertino)
12.00 Vintage Years: Echoes of Chopin. Robert Philip introduces music by pianists who studied with pupils of the composer Chopin
1.00pm News 1.05 Endellion Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 64, No 4); Brahms (String Quartet in C minor, Op 51, No 1) (r)
2.00 ***Opera News*** *(r)*
2.45 BBC Welsh SO: Tadaaki Otaka conducts Mendelssohn (Overture, Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor: Martin Roscoe); Fauré (Suite, Pelléas et Mélisande); Strauss (Don Juan)
4.20 Music for Organ: Francis Jackson, *the organist of* York Minster, plays music by his predecessor, Edward Bairstow: Prelude in C, Scherzo in A flat, Toccata-Prelude on "Pange lingua" and Sonata in E flat
5.00 In Tune: Music, news and arts events with David Owen Norris
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra *under Andrew Davis, with* Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo, performs Symphony No 3 in D minor. This is the first in a series of programmes featuring Mahler's ten symphonies *(r)*
9.20 That Was the Year That Was: See Choice
9.35 Fowler and Burrell: Capricorn performs Jennifer Fowler (Reeds, reflections, ripples); *Diana Burrell (Wind* Quintet) *(r)*
10.10 Edith Vogel Plays Brahms: First of four programmes including all the late piano pieces. Eight Pieces, Op 76 (r)
10.45 ***Mixing It,*** *with Robert Sandall* and Mark Russell. Tonight's programme includes an interview with Daniel Lanois, the producer who has nurtured the talents of Peter Gabriel, U2, Bob Dylan and Jon Hassell, and who now has a solo career
11.30 Utrecht '92: Andrew Marze introduces the second of four concerts recorded at last year's Holland Festival of Early Music. Konrad Junghänel directs Cantus Cölln in a programme of 16th, 17th and 18th-century German songs and madrigals
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Michael Blood **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** *Business News* **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Echoes in the Chamber: Peter Hill reviews 15 years of *broadcasting from* Westminster **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, Melvyn Bragg's guests in Istanbul are the musician and film director *Zulfu Livaneli; Sevas Akat,* academic and businessman: Binnaz Toprak, a specialist on Islam in modern secular Turkey; and Hugh Pope of *The Independent*
10.00-10.30 The Year in Question (FM only): Brian Hayes questions teams from BBC1's *Nine O'Clock News* and Radio 4's *Today* programme in the first of the semi-finals
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from the Chapel of Eastbourne College
10.15 Something Understood: An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. Jack Shepherd reads "East Coker" from *Four Quartets* by T.S. Eliot
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray *previews the autumn fashions.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1993: First Round — London. Robert Robinson chairs the general knowledge contest **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with *James Naughtie*
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Eagle Has Flown, by Jack Higgins. Dramatised by Peter Mackie. With Frank Grimes as Liam Devlin, *Michael Fitzgerald as Steiner* and Graham Padden as Himmler **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott and the musician Dave Stewart track *down some authentic blues*
4.45 Short Story: Graffiti, by Jonathan Treitel: Read by David Horovitch
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.20 The Monday Play: Not Just for Christmas, by Jonathan Myerson. Biological clocks wind down as women wonder whether to have children. With Fiona Shaw as Lee, Lesley Manville as Caro and Brenda *Blethyn as Judith*
9.00 Lady Macbeth of the King's Road: The actress Ellen Pollock reveals the secrets of a picture that hangs in a *Chelsea antiques market*
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight: Roger White talks to Bill Gates of Microsoft **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love on a Branch Line, by John Hadfield. Read by Michael Cochrane (6/10)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: After Henry, by Simon Brett (r)
11.30 Down Your Ear with Armando Iannucci (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** *Shipping* **12.43** *As World Service (LW only)*

CHOICE

That Was the Year That Was. *Radio 3, 9.20pm.*
In Radio 3's series of look-backs at 1968, Alan Bennett gets in first. *Jonathan Miller*, Sir Peter Hall, and Michael Frayn follow later in the week. For Bennett, 1968 was the year of his first stage play, *40 Years On*, set in a boys' public school, with Gielgud as the retiring head. Although Bennett admits that, charitably, such memories should be forgotten, he recalls how Gielgud was so nervous about appearing opposite 20 teenage lads who "larked about" on stage, that he suggested using cardboard cut-outs instead.

The World That Came in from the Cold. *World Service, 11.15pm.*
This ambitious ten-part series about the Cold war begins, aptly, with the war in microcosm — *the confrontation* over divided Germany between the western powers and the Soviet Union. It was always possible to hear the western side of the argument. Now, with the collapse of communism in Europe, the same weight can be given to the argument for the eastern side, and it is very concisely put in this inaugural documentary. *Gabriel Partos makes* an exemplary presenter and analyst.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and *MW*. ***4.00am*** *Bruno Brookes* (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** The 1FM All Time Top 100 Albums **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.35** 1FM Roadshow **2.00** The 1FM All Time Top 100 Albums **8.00** Jools Holland **8.30** The Big Holy One **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought *7.00 Wake Up to Wogan* **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Sarah Kennedy **1.00pm** The Joint is Jumping! **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Voices. Jack Teagarden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five: Children's Royal Variety Special **9.55** That Man and His Three Ships (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** And Now Read On **1.00** News **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Mall (1/14) **7.15** Hard Cash, by Derek Smith. Read by Tony Robinson **7.30** Champion Sport. Football: Manchester Utd v Blackburn; Snooker **9.30** It's My Party: Alison Limerick **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** *Londres Matin* ***6.00*** *News* ***6.30*** *Europe Today* **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** Heritage **8.00** News **8.30** The Language of Flowers **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** Business Headlines **10.06** Salt, Mustard, Vinegar, Pepper **10.15** An English Alphabet **10.30** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sport **11.01** Heritage **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Berlioz **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** *Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint* **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Falling **3.45** Pop the Question **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain 11.15 *The World that Came in from the Cold. See Choice* **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** But Why a Degree? **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** News **1.30** Break a Leg **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** News **3.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto *3.00 Petroc Trelawny 6.00 The Musical* Clothes Show **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00am** André Leon

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6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

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FRANCE PUSHES THE OFF BUTTON ON US TELEVISION

Airlines hit out at BAA over Heathrow's rent charges

BY CARL MORTISHED

BAA is coming under fire from airline tenants which claim it is charging excessive rents at Heathrow. Airlines operating at Terminal 3 are angry about ten to 15 per cent increases a year in the cost of office space in the building when rents outside the airport and across London are plummeting.

A document distributed by the Airline Operators' Committee (AOC), a copy of which has been received by *The Times*, claims airlines at Heathrow are forced to pay more than double the level of rents that would be paid outside the airport.

The document says that Heathrow operates a monopoly. "HAL (Heathrow Airports Limited) operates a much publicised 'fair prices'policy ... clearly in terms of property costs, such a policy does not exist," the document says.

Surveyors representing airlines in negotiations say that BAA will not allow off-airport comparisions to be included when assessing market rents. The document suggests rents have doubled at Terminal 3 from 1988 to 1992 when rents across London have halved.

Claude-Mercier, of Air Canada, said: "They can charge what they want. When the flight comes in, you need the facility." BAA says rents at the airport vary, with Terminal 3 space ranging from £20-plus "on the pier" up to £60 per sq ft in a few office locations. Most of the space is between £40 to £50 per sq ft, it says. Rents in the new executive lounge are said to be £50 per sq ft. The AOC document quotes rents in Hounslow, near by, of £18 per sq ft and in the West End, of £25 per sq ft.

American Airlines, a member of the AOC, is conducting a survey to discover what discrepancies may exist between rents paid in the airport by different operators.

Faced with criticism, BAA recently published a *Commitment to Tenants* stating that it would take into account off-airport comparisons in setting rents and that it would build new space in line with demand to avoid shortages. Gordon Edington, director of property at BAA, agreed that the airport was a monopoly. He said that he was conducting a survey of tenant opinion which would be published soon. "I know the results are going to be bad" he said.

BAA made £121 million in income from airport rents in the year to March 1992, up 12 per cent on the previous year. It accounted for 15 per cent of total airport income.

Mr Edington said that Heathrow was the most profitable airport in the world for airlines and that they needed to take into account the recent decision on landing charges. These are to be set at the retail prices index minus 8 per cent over the next two years. That is likely to lead to a reduction in charges.

Last year, Air Canada made a county court challenge to a rent set by BAA, arguing that it was exploiting its monopoly position. The court ruled in BAA's favour, concluding that there was an open market, but Mr Mercier said Air Canada was unable to appeal on the ground of cost. "It cost us £200,000 to do that case."he said.

IMF chief reluctant to cash in any gold reserves

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

MICHEL Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, has reacted with scepticism to a proposal by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, that it sell some of its gold reserves to help fund future lending.

M Camdessus said the reserves were one of the fund's main strengths, and that such strength would be even more vital in the next century. He said he would hesitate to drop his conservative stance on the subject.

But the divisions over the future of the gold reserves resurfaced on Saturday, when Lewis Preston, president of the World Bank, suggested that the matter was "worth a look".

The debate over the reserves comes amid a search for a successor to one of the IMF's main soft-loan instruments, the so-called enhanced structural adjustment facility (Esaf), which runs out in November, as western shareholder-nations prove reluctant to put up increased funds at a time of budgetary constraints.

In 1991, the IMF held 3.2 tonnes of gold, which form part of its reserve assets. But gold cannot be used as part of the fund's operations under its present constitutional arrangements.

The Esaf is one of several instruments available to the IMF. Its total potential size is $6 billion, and requires that recipients enact tough and strictly monitored adjustment policies. In their communiqué, the IMF governors called on the board to look for a successor and to "consider all the options for financing the successor facility".

The governors also addressed other issues, including the need to reduce budget deficits and to embark on other aspects of structural economic reform. The board called on European governments to enact structural policies "to achieve a substantial and lasting reduction in the unacceptably high levels of unemployment". It also suggested that "bold measures will need to be taken to make labour markets more flexible".

The IMF welcomed the European growth initiative, which was taken at the EC's Edinburgh summit last year, as well as Japan's recent $117 billion stimulus package and President Clinton's deficit reduction programme.

The development committee of the IMF and the World Bank has called on the West and developing countries to enhance the private-sector flow of funds and investments to the developing world. It said host countries had the main responsibility for creating an attractive environment for investors.

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Small firms bear brunt of bank errors

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SMALL businesses are paying way over the odds for their banking services, bearing the brunt of the big four high street banks' costly mistakes, according to a report published this week.

The 1993 Bank Report, published by Hunter Clark Associates, the cost consultant, found that cheque clearance charges for large companies have been slashed to as little as 3p in some cases as banks compete for their business. However, small companies were found to be paying up to £1.05 for the same service.

Hunter Clark surveyed more than 1,000, ranging from large firms and local authorities to small grocers.

One small company was found to have suffered a 115 per cent increase in the price its bank charged for debits from 27p in May 1992 to 58p this year. The cost of a credit had risen 43 per cent to 80p, compared with 56p last year.

Larger companies, by comparison, were found to have enjoyed much smaller increases, typified by one firm that paid 21.5p per debit in 1992 and pays 25.4p today, an increase of 18 per cent.

A spokesman for Barclays Bank, which has a 25 per cent share of the small business market, said: "It is easy to make generalised allegations. Show us the evidence and we will respond." He said all the banks publish their tariffs but "in banking everthing is negotiable". However, he added: "The income that we generate through the tariff does not compensate for the losses we are making from small businesses. Bad debts from small businesses are running at £10 million a week.

"If we did not have a commitment to that sector we would be out, we would not be looking to increase our market share. But we know that these things are cyclical. Even though the small business sector makes a loss for us, we are committed to the market."

Ian Clark, senior partner at Hunter Clark and author of the report, said: "I know of no other product on the market that has such a high differential between small and large customers. The banks are saying that they support small firms, but there is no evidence of it." One answer for firms trying to reduce bank charges, he said, is to seek tenders for bank services as a way of reducing external bank charges.

But Mr Clark said often, tender information received from banks does not reflect the true market price for that service. He said he has found examples where prices quoted on a tender are higher than the true market price. He added that it can also be prohibitively expensive for small companies to switch banks.

The survey also found "a lot of vagueness" among small firms about the size of their bank charges or the level of interest they receive on their current accounts.

Mr Clark also said many firms were unaware of "hidden charges" such as the length of time it takes the bank to credit their accounts with cheques paid in.

Eddy Weatherill, of the Independent Banking Advisory Service, which is being launched tomorrow to provide advice and represent the interests of all bank customers, agreed that small firms have suffered more than larger companies.

He said banks are less willing to negotiate with small companies; rates on loans and overdraft facilities are particularly high for smaller firms; and "the banks are using their clout to intimidate the small business person into doing what they want".

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JULIAN HERBERT



Buoyant sales: orders are rolling in for Don Brown, at the helm of William Osborne, the lifeboat builder

Names seek legal action go-ahead

BY LINDSAY COOK

A PRELIMINARY hearing begins tomorrow to decide whether more than 1,000 Lloyd's names on the Feltrim and Gooda Walker syndicates can proceed with legal action in the High Court. The names are seeking to recover billions of pounds of losses from the members' agents that put them on the losing syndicates. The case comes just days after the new Lloyd's business plan gave distressed names little hope of help.

At the two-day hearing the court will rule on whether the names can sue the agents when they have not yet paid for their losses in full. The agencies argue that, under their contracts, names must pay up before they can sue.

The case has implications for all action groups trying to recoup losses through litigation. Colin Hook, chairman of the Feltrim names, said: "We are hopeful and confident and ready for the next skirmish to commence."

The issue could apply to about half the 2,145 Gooda Walker names pursuing action to recover £400 million and 700 Feltrim names pursuing £660 million.

In March, members' agents unsuccesfully sought to throw out an attempt by the Feltrim names association to bring its case forward to mid-September because the plaintiffs believed they have a case to which the defendants have no arguable defence. If the names have to wait for a full trial, it could take three years.

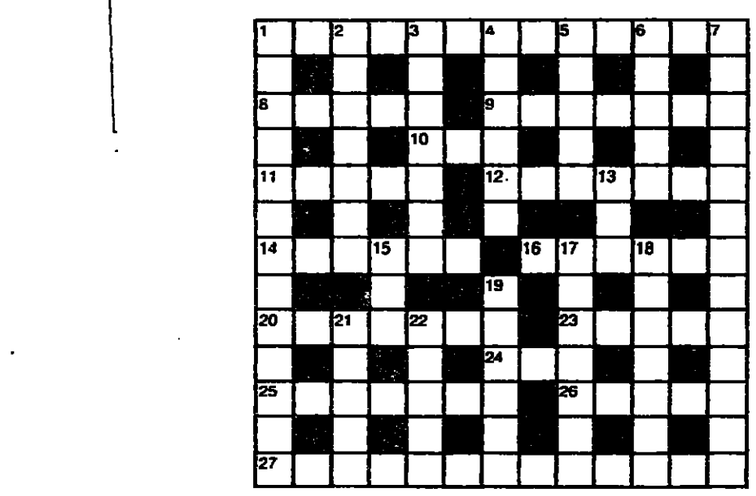
Lifeboats make a splash for Osborne

BY DEREK HARRIS

ORDERS are rolling in for William Osborne, the specialist West Sussex lifeboat builder, which launched its latest completed craft for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) over the holiday weekend. After 75 years of boatbuilding, the family-run firm on the River Arun at Littlehampton has moved on to lifeboats capable of 25 knots, compared with the 18 knots of the current design. Don Brown, Osborne managing director, said: "Now we start on a new class of lifeboat. The first contracts are in."

The order is worth £800,000 and a further contract for two more is expected to be placed soon with a similiar value. Osborne's 40-strong team of craftsmen is likely to be expanded for the orders. it has recently built a boat for piloting work and has refitted a Thames patrol launch for the Metropolitan Police. Mr Brown said: "We see our expansion in commercial craft, which would include the pilot boats and police launches in which we have also specilised." Building four new lifeboats plus other work in the yard would mean Osborne should have sufficient work for at least 15 months.

The lifeboat just launched is a 38-foot Mersey class vessel named Royal Thames to mark the financing help which came from the Royal Thames Yacht Club. It is due to go into service at Eastbourne. Osborne has built more than 130 lifeboats, including the prototype of every new aluminium and glass reinforced plastic boat introduced by the RNLI. Mr Brown was brought in just over a year ago by Martin Boyce, the Osborne chairman. The company wants lifeboat construction to be no more than 60 per cent of sales.



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ACROSS
1 Unflagging (13)
8 Personal manservant (5)
9 Armpits (7)
10 Belonging to him (3)
11 Ardent male lover (5)
12 Foolish person (7)
14 Pass by (6)
16 Mistreater (6)
20 Jap. battle island (7)
23 Perfect (5)
24 Male offspring (3)
25 Chauffeurs (7)
26 Reach (3,2)
27 Higher court challenge (5,2,6)

DOWN
1 Reverse arrangement (8,5)
2 Awkward situation (7)
3 Water depth measures (7)
4 Cheap, worthless (6)
5 Broil (5)
6 Underneath (5)
7 Voting register (9,4)
13 Winter viral fever (3)
15 Golf flagpole (3)
17 Rear (5,2)
18 Phantom (7)
19 Mountain range (6)
21 Cake topping (5)
22 Vigilant (5)

Solution to Saturday's Jumbo concise crossword

ACROSS: 1 The Spy Who Came In From The Cold 15 Enamelled 16 Posh crowd 17 Ali Baba 18 Highers 19 Headfirst 20 True liege 21 Relief map 22 Deliberate 24 Snatch 26 Eccentric 29 Spearhead 32 Install 33 Frederick the Great 35 Rough blow 37 Having a chat 39 Respray 40 Also own 42 Lay down 43 Uniform 46 All left to do 47 Ginger ale 49 Crushingly put down 51 Tactful 53 Trepanned 54 Good sides 56 Reson 57 Ringleader 61 Scrollsaw 64 Grim years 65 Incentive 67 Screech 68 Drachma 69 Authoress 70 Precision 71 Beware of Greeks bearing gifts

DOWN: 1 The Charge of the Light Brigade 2 Evangelic 3 Precede 4 Wild samurai 5 Old chap 6 Applaud 7 Easeful 8 Nicer 9 Rooster 10 Meditated 11 Hiatus 12 Chitlings 13 Leave a trail 14 Take the law into one's own hands 23 Burgess 25 Simulate 27 Need no-one 28 Coke house 29 Schottische 30 Eiger 31 Entertained 34 Envoy 35 Royal flag 36 Hesitates 38 Annually 41 Ovolo 44 Ovulate 45 Mahon 48 Necessitate 50 Procrustean 52 Forsythia 53 Thin scarf 55 Disbelief 58 Glitter 59 Dangers 60 Reissue 61 Sleeper 62 Lurking 63 Facade 66 Clove

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Alekhine — Lasker, Zurich 1934. Here, the great tactical genius Alexander Alekhine produced a thunderbolt typical of his style. Can you see it?

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

CACAFOGO
a. A braggart
b. Firedamp
c. A thunderbolt

CACOLET
a. Chocolate milk drink
b. A small Pyrenean terrier
c. A military litter

CACOEPY
a. Mispronunciation
b. A Canadian Indian canoe
c. A whirling dance

CACOON
a. To mollycoddle
b. A big bean
c. A West Indian female witch doctor

Answers on page 33

Wimpey chief ready to step down from role at Transmanche Link

BY JANET BUSH AND PATRICIA TEHAN

JOE Dwyer, chairman of George Wimpey and British chairman of the shareholders assembly of Transmanche Link (TML), the consortium that is building the Channel tunnel, is preparing to step down this week. It is believed that he will be succeeded by Neville Simms, chief executive of Tarmac.

Mr Dwyer's decision comes a fortnight after a clash with Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, over their failure to reach a settlement of a long-running dispute over cost over-runs claimed by the contractors. The negotiations have now been broken off, providing a natural break for Mr Dwyer, who is believed to have wanted to spend more time running his own company some weeks before the showdown. The dispute between Eurotunnel and TML hangs on what TML believes it should be paid for the fixed works on the tunnel. Eurotunnel's final offer of between £1.2 billion and £1.3 billion was rejected by TML because it contained £300 million in Eurotunnel paper, which the contractors were unwilling to take.

In a separate development, Jonathan Agnew, chief executive of Kleinwort Benson, the City merchant bank, is to go in a boardroom shake-up that follows the appointment of Lord Rockley as chairman.

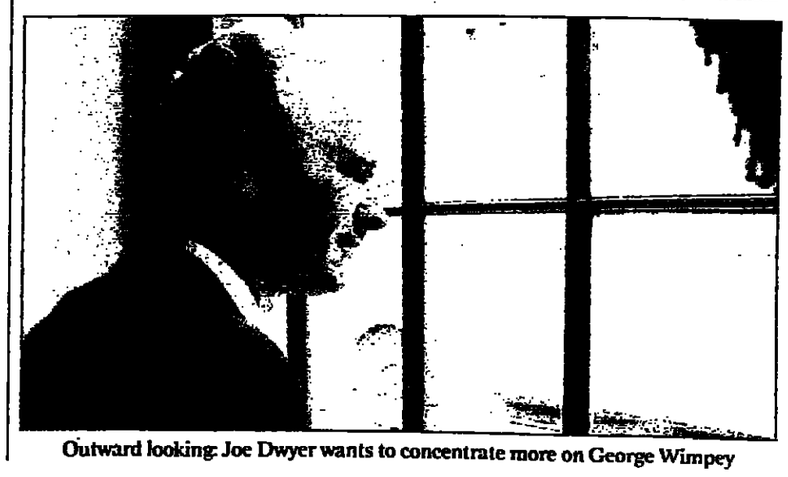
Lord Rockley was named as David Peake's successor in February, but officially took over after the bank's annual meeting on Wednesday.

Mr Agnew, 52, has held the job since 1987. In 1992, he was the bank's highest paid director with £370,915.

Since he took over, the firm's ambition of becoming an integrated merchant bank and securities house has been less than successful, though he has presided over a period of reorganisation and restructuring. In 1990, Kleinwort lost £68 million after disastrous losses of £35 million on its 29.9 per cent stake in Premier Oil.

Recently, Kleinwort has suffered a number of corporate finance disappointments. It was not picked as one of the 11 investment banks that will market this summer's £5.5 billion government's BT3 share sale worldwide to the top 500 institutional investors.

Mr Agnew is likely to leave in the summer and Kleinwort is searching for new talent to move the group forward.



Outward looking: Joe Dwyer wants to concentrate more on George Wimpey

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